

NEW SENSATION WAS SPRUNG IN DYNAMITE CASE

(By United Press.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—A grand jury investigation of charges by Prosecutor Baker, of Marion county, that he and members of the grand jury who have been investigating the dynamite outrages in this city have been biased and threatened by paid agents in employ of the National Erectors' Association was ordered today by Judge Markey in criminal court.

Just before this action was taken Markey fined Baker \$50 for contempt of court as the result of his fight in open court late yesterday with one of the erectors' detectives. Baker denounced the erectors' Association in court today and declared that their detectives had so harassed the grand jurors that one of the members had already gone insane.

The prosecutor was very nervous when he appeared before Judge Markey, and he apologized profusely for his actions of yesterday. "But Your Honor will understand that for many months I have been under a severe nervous strain as the result of having been hounded by the paid thugs of the National Erectors' Association," said Baker to the court. "They have been on my trail night and day and they have had about me time and again."

As Baker left the court room he stated that when the entire truth was made known about the methods of the National Erectors' Association the public would be astonished.

WALKING IN FOOTSTEPS OF BLAIR

(By Associated Press.) Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Judge Skeen, of Lee county, Va., has issued a proclamation inviting all who sold their votes at a recent election in Lee county to come in and plead guilty. He promises to let them off with a minimum fine if they do and to give them a year in which to pay their fines. If they do not come in, he says that he will have every one indicted, and will see that they are punished to the full extent of the law. Two hundred have already been indicted by the grand jury.

The Virginia law automatically disfranchises for life any person who confesses to being guilty of fraud in connection with elections.

SENATOR FOR PENSIONS

(By United Press.) Washington, Dec. 21.—The Sherwood Dollar A Day pension bill was called up in the senate and discussed this afternoon by Senator Brown, of Nebraska. He expressed regret that the committee on pensions did not meet today, approve the bill, and send it to the senate so that it could be passed and sent to the president before the Christmas holidays. He said it would be an appropriate Christmas gift for the veterans.

Brown said the senate could not dodge action on the bill as it did on some bills last session.

Snows In Colorado

(By United Press.) Denver, Colorado, Dec. 21.—Millions of dollars is the value the farmers of Colorado placed today on the snow storm which raged yesterday and last night, burying the state for a depth varying from 2 to 6 inches. In some portions the storm reached proportions of a blizzard entailing much damage to live stock.

Opposes Republic

(By Associated Press.) Peking, Dec. 21.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai today announced positively that he would not agree to the establishment of a republic in China as proposed at the peace conference at Shanghai yesterday.

Business Visitor.

U. C. Thurman, prosecuting attorney of Lewis county, Ky., was a business visitor here this morning, and calling his nephew, H. T. Thurman of 223 Market street.

Atwood Flying

(By Associated Press.) Lynn, Mass., Dec. 21.—The house flight over attempted by a hydro-aeroplane was begun when Harry N. Atwood left Point of Pines at 10:55 today for Providence, 50 miles distant. Atwood's intention to circle around all of the harbors on the coast and land in the outskirts of Providence.

Mail Man Is Hurt

(By Associated Press.) Albany, O., Dec. 21.—Trying to run a mail sack as his train sped through Sidney today, John Day, a railway mail clerk, of Indianapolis, running between that city and Columbus, lost his balance and fell from the train. He was fatally hurt.

EGG STRIKE IS STARTED

(By United Press.) Cleveland, Dec. 21.—The "egg strike" declared by the housewives of Cleveland bids fair to spread to other parts of the country and may become as far reaching as the "meat strike" of a year ago. Letters have been received by leaders in the egg strike from cities in all parts of the country. The women of Cleveland are busily forming "Thirty Cent Egg Clubs" and there will have to be a big drop in the price of eggs before they lift the boycott.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, Dec. 21.—Under a state warrant sworn out by the cashier of the First National Bank of Mantua, Ohio, and which accuses him of forgery, John Bolson was arrested today. The specific charge in the warrant is that Bolson forged the name of J. M. Taylor to a check on the Second National Bank of Ravensburg.

MORE WAR IN THE "FIGHTING" TENTH



ANOTHER STRIKE AT THE OHIO PEN

Who's Running the Pen Anyway?

Columbus, Dec. 21.—Threatening to stop their work in the prison power plant and cut off the supply of light and power of the big prison, the state house and institutions located in Columbus, 30 prisoners employed as stokers, oilers and firemen at the prison plant, went on a strike last night at supper and refused to eat or to work unless the quality of food was improved. They took serious exceptions to the Irish stew. This was the second food strike during the week.

Warden Jones was called and he placated the malcontents by ordering better food. He declared that the food agitation was caused by clerks and runners in the various offices who since the abolition of the prison restaurant had been obliged to eat in the main dining room with the prisoners who are on contract work.

Austrian Emperor Dying

(By United Press.) Vienna, Dec. 21.—The city is in a state of great excitement over reports that Emperor Franz Josef is in a critical condition and that he can live but a few hours. All of the afternoon papers published pessimistic reports about the emperor's condition, but the papers were seized and burned by the police.

It was officially announced at the palace that the Emperor was much improved but this is not accepted by the populace as authentic.

CONGRESS HAS RECESSED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Congress adjourned this afternoon for the holiday recess and will not be in session again until noon of January 3.

BROWN STILL IS AFTER A PRIMARY

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, Dec. 21.—Expressing the belief that Theodore Roosevelt would enter the presidential contest in Ohio, Walter Brown, of Toledo, chairman of the Republican state central committee today conferred with the proposition to have a wide open primary for president in Ohio. Brown is for Roosevelt and demands that the people get a chance to vote for him as well as for Taft and La Follette.

Lawrence Langdon, leader of the minority in the lower house of the legislature, is out for Taft. He is a radical progressive.

TAX RULING WAS MADE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 21.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell today ruled that dividends paid by mutual and participating insurance companies to policy holders were subject to assessment as income under the corporation tax law.

Russia Is Moving

(By United Press.) Tcheran, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Tahiriz says that serious fighting between the Persians and the Russians is taking place there. This city is greatly excited over reports of the Russian advance as the people realize that the ancient walls of the city would speedily fall before the czar's artillery.

In New Home.

Barber Fred Haultert has moved from Findlay street to a house at No. 610 Gay street.

PACKERS CASE MUST GO AHEAD

(By United Press.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—Federal Judge Carpenter today denied the motion of counsel for the 10 millionaires packers now on trial here for alleged criminal conspiracy that two of the seven counts in the indictment against them be dismissed. The decision insured the continuation of the present trial.

The court also refused to allow a plea of the defense that the jury be instructed to disregard certain statements made by the district attorney in his opening statement. The specific point to which the defense objected was that regarding the acquisition of independent packing companies by the National Packing Company. The court ruled that the government had a right to produce all evidence it desired along this line in order to show a motive.

It is contended that the ruling gives the government a point of vantage.

Fighting Persia

(By Associated Press.) Tcheran, Persia, Dec. 21.—Serious fighting between the Persian constitutionalists and the Russians is reported to have taken place this morning. Details are lacking.

Schooner Is Sunk

(By Associated Press.) Penzance, Eng., Dec. 21.—The two-masted schooner "Heloise" sailed and sank off this city. Her crew were all rescued.

ACCUSED PREACHER IS LIKELY TO RECOVER

(By United Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Governor Ben Hooper arose at daylight from his bunk in his cell at the prison this morning, performed his hasty morning toilet in the little tin pail, got in line with the other prisoners and marched to the pen dining room where he ate the regulation prison breakfast. It was not a special repast. He got what the prisoners did and no more.

Governor Hooper, Republican, has sentenced himself to two days in the prison that he may study the conditions of the prisoners. During his imprisonment Governor Hooper has ordered the prison warden to treat him exactly as any other prisoner, except that he is to be permitted to mingle freely with the convicts and listen to their suggestions and complaints and determine whether any of them are eligible for a Christians pardon.

Two Counties Are Voting On Liquor

(By Associated Press.) New Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The climax of a spectacular local option campaign was reached here today when the election is being held. Both sides had worked early and were active in the getting out the vote. Had roads will likely be responsible for a falling off in the rural vote. In 1908 the Drys carried this county by 913 votes. The Wets secured 5,853 signers to their petitions.

(By Associated Press.) Steubenville, O., Dec. 21.—The weather for the second vote under the Ross law in Jefferson county is such today that the Wets claim they will profit by it. The early voting indicated that there would be a large vote, however. The Drys profess to be confident.

TAFT HAS SIGNED

(By United Press.) Washington, Dec. 21.—Immediately after reaching his office today President Taft signed the joint resolution adopted by congress ratifying his action in informing Russia that this country will terminate the treaty of 1832 at the expiration of the necessary 12 months' notice. State Treasurer Knox was the only official who witnessed the signing of the resolution.

Bryan Writes Of Next Platform

(By United Press.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—It is unlikely that the Democrats will declare for the Initiative and Referendum in their 1912 platform, according to an editorial prediction made by William Jennings Bryan in today's Commoner. He said: "There is no likelihood of my attempting to secure an endorsement of the Initiative and Referendum in the National platform of 1912, but the discussion of the same will serve a useful purpose."

Referendum. They assume that an attempt will be made to endorse these reforms in the next Democratic National platform, and they are vigorously protesting in advance.

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MILLIONAIRE BOY FOUND IN TEMPLE OF 'SUN' CULT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—That George Lindsay, 12, sole heir to the millions of the late W. H. Lindsay, of Philadelphia, had been removed from the temple of a so-called "Sun Worshipers Cult" and placed in the care of the juvenile court, became known here today. Relatives of young Lindsay, headed by Charles R. Lindsay, his uncle, were responsible for the action taken. Mr. Lindsay said to allow him to enter the Cult that after a nation wide search he had located the boy. Detect-up early in January.

ives, who went to take possession of the young man were resisted by the sun worshippers, and a fierce battle ensued before they could get him away. It is learned that the mother of the boy placed him with the Cult. Detectives allege that young Lindsay was kept on a diet of grapes and beer.

The boy was placed in the custody of his mother by Judge Pinkney but she was ordered not to allow him to enter the Cult that after a nation wide search he had located the boy. Detect-up early in January.

FOUGHT TWO BURGLARS

(By United Press.) Roseville, O., Dec. 21.—A revolver duel between a citizen and two burglars occurred in the streets of this village early this morning. Over a dozen shots were exchanged, but although a number of windows were shattered none of the participants were hit. The duel started when W. H. Brown saw two men enter the jewelry store of W. R. Bacon. The robbers secured a tray of rings before they fled.

Receivership Of Road Nears End

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, Dec. 21.—The early termination of the receivership of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad is forecasted by the filing of a cross petition by H. A. Worthington, receiver, in the foreclosure suit of the Central Trust Company of New York against the W. & L. E. road. The cross petition says that the defendant road is now paying its operating expenses, interest on its bonds and a fair profit.

Resigns Place.

Will Moore, who has been employed in the Salvage store, has resigned his position effective on Saturday night. On January 1 he will enter the firm of the Croft Hat Company of Huntington. Mr. Moore is a splendid clerk and will make his new firm a valuable man, paying its operating expenses, interest on its bonds and a fair profit.

(By United Press.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who yesterday terribly mutilated himself with a piece of jagged tin while awaiting trial for the murder of his sweetheart Avis Linnell, passed a quiet night in the Charles street jail.

Medical examiners who visited him today said that there was little doubt but that he will be able to go to trial Jan. 15th.

Every indication today pointed to a plea of insanity for Richeson. Counsel for the defense admitted there "might possibly be a change in the line of defense." District Attorney Pollister said that he had prepared to meet an insanity plea and stated that he had ample evidence that Richeson was not insane when he was alleged to have murdered the girl.

Call For Teddy

(By Associated Press.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—A petition asking that the name of Theodore Roosevelt be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for president of the United States, for the Nebraska primary was received by Secretary of State Wall today. It was signed by 26 voters.

POST OFFICE IS ROBBED

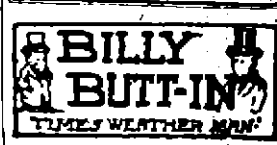
(By United Press.) Kalida, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Yeggs blew the post office safe here last night, securing \$40 in money and \$118 in stamps. It was the third robbery in the office in eighteen months.

BELMONT IS DRY BY 69

(By Associated Press.) St. Clairsville, O., Dec. 21.—The official count of the vote option election held here last Saturday, was completed today and showed a dry majority of sixty-nine votes. This is a loss of 2,300 for the drys as compared with three years ago.

Doing Fine Business.

V. J. Clark who took possession of his new purchase, the Bender blacksmith shop on West Third street, is doing a splendid business.



Now here we go again! After comparative peace in this treacherous Teath Congressional District for the space of almost a whole year all of a sudden Bang! And we're up to our ears in another row. Not "we" I mean but "they" for the only part I take in these G. O. P. scraps is that of the innocent bystander—but goodness knows that's enough. But we're in for it and I'm going to fix me up a good seat and see 'em show. Here's the weather for tomorrow:

Ohio — Unsettled, occasional rain tonight or Friday; slightly colder Friday.

Kentucky — Generally fair to night and Friday; colder to night in central and west portions, colder Friday.

TO HAVE MORE POLICEMEN

Officer Sam Phillips, who will become Portsmouth's chief of police on January 1st, has intimated that ten additional patrolmen will be immediately added to the regular police force. Considerable talk is also heard that the new administration will at once take steps towards purchasing an auto police patrol.

When you think of books, think of Kelly's. For over fifty years we have had the best stock of best books in Portsmouth. This year is no exception, but better than ever. W. W. Kelly & Company, Opposite Postoffice. 21-3

MISTAKE COST HIM COAT

Charles Schoonover, while coming from Chillicothe to Portsmouth Wednesday evening, lost his overcoat through peculiar circumstances but he has hopes of recovering it in a day or two.

Mr. Schoonover on entering the train threw his overcoat over the seat and later another traveler entered and sat down in the seat back of him but threw an overcoat on the same seat with Mr. Schoonover's. When the train was nearing Waverly the man back of Mr. Schoonover picked up an overcoat and ran toward the platform throwing it into the arms of a waiting friend. As soon as he returned to his seat he saw that he had thrown Mr. Schoonover's overcoat off at Waverly but the conductor knew the man to whom it was given and promised to secure his coat for him.

The base ball game coupon will be found on Page 4, first column. First 1,000 get the free game.

Queer Laws In Germany

(By United Press.) Berlin, December 21.—German judges have a way of pronouncing both the accused and the complainant guilty. Such a paradoxical verdict has just been rendered in one of the Berlin courts in which a gay old bachelor was declared guilty of insulting a woman and sent to prison for three months, and the woman fined \$125. Otto Kamphinkel, aged 61, attended a dinner at the home of Wilhelm Jacob, after drinking a large quantity of wine, Kamphinkel, a well known race stable owner, became unduly familiar with the governess in the Jacob family, a French woman, aged 48. He received a sharp slap in return for his attentions. This so infuriated the old fellow that he knocked the governess down four stairs.

The court, by some strange mental process, decided the woman's conduct also was reprehensible in resenting the old fellow's familiarity so violently, and decided that 3 months imprisonment for Kamphinkel and 300 marks fine for the governess would satisfy justice.

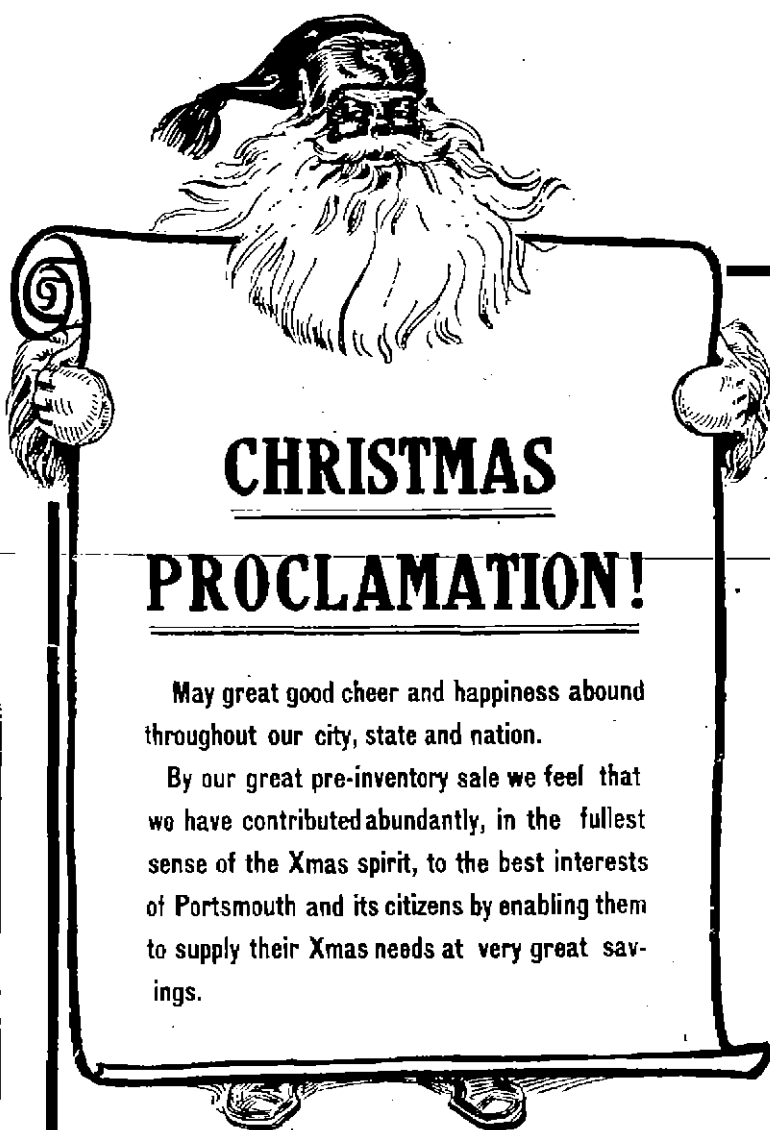
Up-to-date gift books of all kinds, bibles and prayer books for less money than at any place in town. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts. 13-31

FOX HUNTER THOUGH AGED ON THE JOB

(By United Press.) London, Dec. 21.—The fox hunting season, which has just opened, is made notable by the reappearance of the Atherton and Mayhew packs of the Hon. Mrs. Colville, aged 84, the oldest person in Great Britain, man or woman, to follow the hounds.

Mrs. Colville, who is the mother of the late General Sir Henry Colville, has been hunting 62 years. It was thought that last season was her last. However, when the hunters gathered for the first time of the present season, the veteran huntswoman was present on her favorite mare and was "in at the death." She "took" every fence, ditch, and ditched strong. The weather was wet, cold and stormy, but Mrs. Colville was the only woman of the dozen or more who actually follow these packs, who dash through the elements.

Santa Claus headquarters at Schloss' Book Store, 414 Chillicothe Street. 19-4



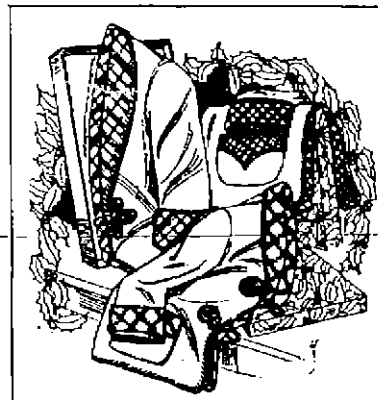
CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION!

May great good cheer and happiness abound throughout our city, state and nation.

By our great pre-inventory sale we feel that we have contributed abundantly, in the fullest sense of the Xmas spirit, to the best interests of Portsmouth and its citizens by enabling them to supply their Xmas needs at very great savings.

OUR BIG PRE-INVENTORY SALE ENDS SATURDAY DECEMBER, THE 23rd. EVERY PRICE AND ITEM SHOULD BE OF EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST TO YOU.

Just a Little Time Left In Which To Buy Christmas Goods At Reduced Prices!



Haste is imperative if you intend to make the most of this great opportunity to buy you a suit, overcoat, raincoat or any of the other excellent apparel enumerated below on which there are great reductions.

NOTHING LIKE THESE BEFORE AT THIS STORE AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR! Read These Unusually Low Prices on Men's and Young Men's Suits, Overcoats, Trousers, Etc.

Every \$10 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$8	Every \$12.50 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$10	Every \$15.00 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$12
Every \$17.50 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$14	Every \$20.00 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$16	Every \$25.00 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$20
Every \$22.50 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$18	Every \$25.00 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$20	Every \$28.00 Suit and Overcoat.....	\$22

"SLIP-ONS" AND GABARDINES			
The Very Best Grades On	\$5.00 Values		\$3.98
The Market, Our Entire	\$6.00 Values		\$4.98
Stock	\$7.50 Values		\$5.49
	\$10.00 Values		\$7.98
	\$12.50 Values		\$9.98
	\$15.00 Values		\$11.49
	\$18.00 Values		\$12.98
	\$20.00 Values		\$14.49

The Boys and Children Are Well Taken Care of, Too

Here's an opportunity, you THIRTY parents cannot afford to miss. You will readily appreciate this fact when we show you the many splendid bargains. It will be to your interest as well as of interest to you to examine carefully every one of these suit and overcoat items.

In Suits—the very latest style—Tweeds and Scotch Mixtures—Greys, Browns, Tans and Novelty Mixtures; Recker Suits, Norfolk Suits, Blouse Suits, Russian Suits and the numerous others—splendidly tailored and reinforced.

Don't fail to see these exceptional values. In Overcoats—These are nobby little coats, handsomely made from choicest fabrics—a wealth of rich, attractive wools, smart, exclusive styles in single or double-breasted models; in Black, Blue, Brown, Gray, Tan and Fancy Mixtures. Regular or convertible collars. Great values at:

\$2.00 Quality at.....	\$1.50
\$3.00 Quality at.....	\$2.25
\$4.00 Quality at.....	\$2.75
\$5.00 Quality at.....	\$3.00
\$6.00 Quality at.....	\$4.50
\$7.50 Quality at.....	\$5.75
\$10.00 Quality at.....	\$7.50

Our Entire Stock of Men's and Young Men's Trousers

This means your unrestricted choice of any pair of Trousers in this great store. They are made by America's foremost tailors to meet every requirement of reliability, individuality and perfect fitting quality. The thoroughness of our stock will very much amaze you, for they are here in every style, every color, and combination of stripes, mixtures, etc., and particularly every size and proportion. We offer your selection at the following reductions:

\$1.00 value at.....	75c
\$1.50 value at.....	\$1.19
\$2.00 value at.....	\$1.49
\$2.50 value at.....	\$1.79
\$3.00 value at.....	\$2.29
\$4.00 value at.....	\$2.99
\$5.00 value at.....	\$3.99
\$6.00 value at.....	\$4.99

Our Entire Stock of Boys' and Children's Trousers

At an enormous bargain. And, remember, a bargain is only a bargain when you get good value at low price. We have been a long time in the clothing business and are not easily deceived in qualities. Hence, you can rest assured that these are bona fide values. Our assortment is very large and very complete. There are Boys' and Children's Trousers from 4 to 17, splendidly built for rough tough wear by tailors who know the needs of little ones. Reductions are as follows:

50c value at.....	39c
\$1.00 value at.....	79c
\$1.25 value at.....	99c
\$1.50 value at.....	\$1.19
75c value at.....	59c

Our Entire Stock of Corduroy Pants

Every pair included in these reductions: Every \$1.50 quality at..... 98c Every \$2.00 quality at..... \$1.49 Every \$2.50 quality at..... \$1.98 Every \$3.00 quality at..... \$2.29 Every \$4.00 quality at..... \$2.98

Our Entire Stock of Hats and Caps

And it is certainly a magnificent one. But the entire stock is included and the prices will clear out every Derby, Soft Hat and Cap very quickly. Note the reduction on Caps:

50c quality at.....	39c
\$1.00 quality at.....	79c
Every \$1.00 Hat.....	\$1.19
Every \$1.50 Hat.....	\$1.49
Every \$2.00 Hat.....	\$1.98
Every \$3.00 Hat.....	\$2.48
Every \$4.00 Hat.....	\$2.98
Every \$5.00 Hat.....	\$3.48

Our Entire Stock of Sweaters and Sweater Coats

Note the reductions and decide yourself whether you can afford to pass them by:

THIS IS THE CHRISTMAS STORE FOR MEN

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF UNDERWEAR IN THIS SALE.

50c Underwear, per garment..... 39c
\$1 Underwear, per garment..... 79c

Entire Stock of Union Suits.

\$1.00 Union Suits..... 79c
\$1.50 Union Suits..... \$1.19

A NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS CERTAIN TO MAKE "HIM" HAPPY

Barb Robes and Smoking Jackets at \$3 and up.
Night Robes at, per garment 50c, 75c and \$1.
Pajamas at..... \$1.50 and \$2 the suit.
Monarchs and Manchester Shirts at..... \$1.00
Cinet Shirts at..... \$1.50 and \$2.00
"Arrow" Brand Collars and Cuffs.

Gloves of every description—the famous Dempster and Place Gloves at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
Fur Gloves from..... \$1.00 to \$10.00
Fur Caps from..... \$1.00 to \$7.50
Fancy and Full Dress Vests from..... \$1 to \$5

FLANNEL AND CORDUROY SHIRTS

Collars attached or detached.
Every Shirt in this great Reduction Sale.
Note the prices:
\$1.00 qualities at..... 79c
\$1.50 qualities at..... \$1.19
\$2.00 qualities at..... \$1.49

GLUETT SHIRTS

Any \$2.00 and \$1.50 Fancy Pleated Gluett Shirt in our store at..... \$1.29

HOSIERY SPECIALS

All 10c Hosiery..... 7c
All 15c Hosiery..... 11c
All 25c Hosiery..... 19c

THIS SALE ONLY SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUT OF TOWN PURCHASERS

We will refund the amount of your round trip fare, if you live within a radius of 50 miles of Portsmouth if your purchase amounts to \$20 or more. Mail orders will receive our most careful and prompt attention. You can check your packages with us while you shop around. They will be well taken care of at no charge to you.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF UNDERWEAR IN THIS SALE.

\$2.00 Union Suits..... \$1.49
Renowned "Duofold" Underwear..... 99c
\$1.25 Garments at only..... \$1.00
"Duofold" and Royal Plush \$1.75 Garments at only..... \$1.38
"Duofold" and Royal Plush Union Suits..... \$1.08
\$2.50 Suits reduced to..... \$2.75
\$3.50 Suits reduced to..... \$2.75

Beautiful Neckwear at..... 50c, 75c and \$1

Handsome Silk Knit Neckwear at 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2 and \$2.50.
(These come in natty Holiday Boxes.)
Silk Mufflers from..... 50c to \$3.00
Hosiery, the world renowned "Onyx", in Hosiery and Silk at..... 25c and 50c
The well known Everwear Guaranteed Hosiery in Silk and Lisle at..... 25c, 50c and 75c
Trunks—Steamer and Regular at \$3 to \$25
Suit Cases (some with handsome sets) \$1 to \$16.00

Bags of every description from..... \$2 to \$20
(With or without sets, as you prefer.)
Umbrellas from..... 50c to \$7.50
And a host of other things.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Plain, fancy and initial linen, Linens and Silk in beautiful holiday boxes at 10c to 50c
PENANTS AND BANNERS
Pennants representing every college and fraternal order in the land, and handsome banners on both felt and leather priced from 25c to \$3.00.

SUSPENDERS

A really handsome assortment:
25c values reduced to..... 19c
50c values reduced to..... 39c

EXTRA VALUE

50c Mufflers, Famous Way, Scott & Rico Makers. This sale only..... 19c
50c WORK OR DRESS SHIRTS
During this sale only..... 39c

JEWELRY

Chains, Pins, Cuff Buttons, Tie Rings, Fobs, etc.,..... 25c to \$5

COMBINATION SETS

Box and Tie to match..... 50c
Tie, Scarf Pin and Cuff Buttons..... 50c
Suspenders, Arm Bands and Hose Supporters..... 50c
Handkerchief, Tie and Hose to match..... \$1.00

RELATIVES ARE CALLED

Miss Elizabeth Metzger, of 26 West Sixth street, who went to Chillicothe several weeks ago to remain throughout the winter with relatives while her cousin, Mr. John Eisenhart, was sojourning in the South for his health, returned home last night. Mr. Eisenhart did not improve in the South, and was brought back to his home in Chillicothe. He is in a critical condition, and his near relatives have been called to his bedside.

Don't forget that case of Portsmouth Beer for Christmas dinner. Call both phones 94. 21-31

ATTEMPTED TO WRECK CAR

What is believed to have been an attempt to wreck a street car was reported to the police Wednesday evening.

A good-sized Loll was found at the north end of a switch on Findlay street between Ninth and Tenth. A car struck against it and almost left the track. As it was, the car was considerably delayed, and Supt. H. H. Higgins of the Street Railway company reported the matter to the police.

Finest line of Xmas candies in the city at Freund's. 13-10

Will Make Repairs

The plant of the Wait Furniture Company, which is located in the East End, will be idle all next week, the lay off being necessary to permit some extensive repainting. The millers will be cleaned and some new flooring will be put in. The firm has had a very prosperous year.

Redeppening clothes always have style. Redeppening, the tailor, opposite Columbia theatre. 19-46

KENDALL MONROE HERE ON VISIT

Kendall Monroe, well known former Portsmouth resident, arrived here from his ranch home, near Butte, Montana, last night, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Monroe, during the holidays. While here he was associated with his father in the contracting business, and has many friends, whom he will be glad to see.

Mr. Monroe has prospered in his Montana home and likes that state immensely.

"IT'S WIEDEMANN'S"

That good Beer, delivered in cases at 60c per dozen. Also kegs, Muenchener on draught this week.

Adolph Hurth, Distributor. Both places. Now Open. 210 Market Street. Corner Third and Chillicothe St. Phone 263. 18-6

Was Taken To Hospital

Charles Lombard, a cripple, who until recently was employed at J. L. Nash's grocery, was admitted to Hempstead hospital for treatment Thursday. Lombard has a severe case of rheumatism and had no one to look after him. He roomed in the Hay building. His friend, John B. Dever, himself badly afflicted with rheumatism, did what he could in his behalf and was instrumental in arranging for his removal to the hospital.

KNITTEL'S. Our Beautiful Ribbons in Candy, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 18-5

On Week's Visit. Walter Booth, of 14 West Sixth street, an employee at the shoe plant, will leave Saturday for Dover, Ky., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Booth. He expects to be absent one week.

Buy your Bibles, prayer books and testaments at Schloss' Book Store. 19-4

The Haas Clothing Company

Chillicothe and Fifth Streets

EDWARDS SISTERS ARE COMING SOON



The well known Edwards Sisters of Oak Hill, who for several years have delighted thousands in their tour over the country, with songs, recitations and instrumental renditions, will appear at the

Free Baptist church, Tuesday evening, December 28th. There are nine Edward Sisters and all are very talented. The four young ladies who will appear here are Misses Elizabeth, Margaret, Stella and Mae.

WILL BEGIN CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

(By United Press.)

Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—A campaign for better school conditions in the rural communities of Ohio is to be started by State School Commissioner F. W. Miller, according to announcement today. Miller recently returned from a visit to schools in the southern part of the state, where he described conditions as "awful." This visit, he says, convinced him of the necessity for an immediate improvement in the school system of the state, and he now plans to wage a campaign for legislation which will bestow greater powers on the school commissioner, hoping in this manner to force a change for the better. His first step, he says, will be a campaign of publicity which will show that school legislation by the next session of the legislature is imperative.

"I am safe in saying that many children die of pneumonia resulting from colds contracted in school houses in Ohio where punes are out of the windows, panels missing from the doors, and roofs in a leaky condition," said Miller today. "In a recent trip through southeastern Ohio I came across an abandoned school near the line between Gallia and Lawrence counties. The school was abandoned only because the teacher refused to teach in the building for fear it would fall in on herself and pupils."

"I came across one school where none of the children appeared to be over 12 years old, and yet some were being taught literature, physiology and history of education. There were 47 pupils there."

50c Ties in fancy boxes, 10c. The Salvage.

TRIED TO THROW HIS MONEY AWAY

New York, Dec. 21.—Bojko Mikajna, after five years' banishment, \$200. He thought of buying a lot of money, so he tried to throw the money away in a crowd and a policeman nabbed him.

COUPON GOOD FOR

One Fireside Base Ball Game

If presented at The Times Office Friday morning after 7 a. m., among the first ONE THOUSAND

State House Talk

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Attorney General Hogan is working out a problem which is perplexing the treasurer of Hardin county. The county is dry and the treasurer wants to know if he will be violating the Howe option law by offering for sale liquor seized from a man caught selling the same in the county, and which he wishes to dispose of to realize on the Aiken tax, which the man refuses to pay.

The Aiken tax law says that when the tax is not paid, the county treasurer may levy upon the furniture, fixtures, liquor, etc., used in the business and sell the same at public sale to satisfy the amount due for the tax.

The Howe law, as is well understood, strictly prohibits the sale of liquor in dry counties, and it is this apparent lack of conformity of the two laws that is puzzling the treasurer, as to what he should do.

He referred the question to Prosecuting Attorney James Ray Stillings, who has made a diligent search of all citations, court rulings and other law interpretations, but without being rewarded by the discovery of any authority which might lead to a solution of the problem.

Therefore, as is usual, on the part of prosecuting attorneys when confronted by seemingly impervious legal propositions, he passed the inquiry up to Attorney General Hogan, who will give it careful attention, and, no doubt, soon will give an elucidation that will sufficiently clarify the situation as to enable the treasurer to know how to proceed.

"Soon after the first of the new year I will endeavor to arrange a hearing before the senate finance committee on my bill making it mandatory for the United States to loan out its funds by competitive bid," said United States Senator Pomerehne, who was in Columbus, Wednesday, on legal business, and for a conference with the members of the committee representing the legislators, congressmen, state committee and state administration in advocacy of an extra legislative session.

"My time has been so taken up during the past nine weeks with hearings, that I have been unable to give proper attention to this measure. The hearing involved in the investigation of Senator Stephenson in Wisconsin took up about five weeks of my time and the other four weeks have been consumed in the hearing by the congressional commission which is probing the steel trust. I cannot say when the Stephenson committee will be ready to report. We have nearly a trunk full of letters bearing upon the probe, yet to examine."

Senator Pomerehne said that he had been down at Washington long enough to know that there is work enough there for every member of Congress, to keep them busy every minute of the time in studying and working out public questions.

It is understood that Master Commissioner Robert W. McCoy, appointed by the Franklin county fire escape case, has reached the conclusion that the law under which the state inspector of workshops orders buildings equipped with fire escapes and other fire prevention accessories, is valid. More than a year ago State Inspector Kearns ordered the schools of Columbus to be equipped with fire escapes. The school board secured an injunction restraining the enforcement of the order. This raised the question of the constitutionality of the law. The commission is now hearing arguments by counsel on both sides as to evidence bearing on the question of whether or not the condition of the schools is such as to require these escapes. The school board contends they are not needed. State Shop Inspector Kearns says unquestionably they are needed.

Warden Jones is preparing a list of life prisoners in the penitentiary to be made by Governor Harmon. The list will be submitted to the governor tomorrow. The names of the lucky recipients of the governor's favor may not be announced until the inmates of the penitentiary assemble for their Christmas dinner.

All prisoners worthy of parole are to be released, according to an announced policy of the new Ohio board of administration. Warden Jones heartily favors this plan. This will materially cut down the pen population as there are in the neighborhood of 5000 prisoners eligible for parole. Those so released are required to remain in the state and report regularly to a parole officer.

50c President Suspenders, 39c. The Salvage.

Came Back to See Friends

Jean McClure of Peebles, formerly employed in the round house at Russell, who has been spending four years in the marine service, was discharged last Saturday and returned to Ironton on Tuesday. He visited various cities and countries during his service, was located on three different steamers and for the last five or six months has had his headquarters in Norfolk, Va. Four years ago, he promised to greet his friends in December, 1911, and has kept his promise.—Ironton Register.

30c Ladies' Silk Hose, 19c. The Salvage.

Business Has Been Good

The Irontonian says: The first week of the new year for the Western Southern Insurance office began Monday and prospects for an excellent year for the company are entertained. In the last year, according to M. D. Schreiber of the local office, the business of the company last year was very gratifying and especially so in this district, which comprises Ironton, Portsmouth, Ashland and Colletsburg. The company's business in this section has been larger than any other year for this consolidated section and the increase has been most gratifying to employers and employees alike.

KNITTEL'S. Beautiful boxes of Lowrey's & Morse's candies. 18-5

25c Silk Bow Ties, 10c. The Salvage.

Home For Holidays

Chester Kelley, who has been running a Wear-U-Well store in Battle Creek, Mich., is home for the holidays. He has made a big success of his new job. Mr. Kelley was formerly employed at the Salvage store.

PURE SILK | SILK LISLE | LISLE 50c and 60c. 50c pr. 25c & 35c pr.

Knott's Hosiery. The Guaranteed House of Quality. REIS BROS.

THE TALLEST MAN IN THIS SECTION BURIED

The funeral of the late Robert Guthrie at Rome cemetery developed the fact that he was the tallest man in southern Ohio. He stood seven feet in his stockings.

Mr. Guthrie was a remarkable physical specimen, exceedingly slender as he was unusually tall. Wherever he went his appearance attracted attention.

He had recently been visiting his son, Ed. Guthrie at Coryville, having gone home just a short time before his death.

So unusual were his physical proportions that no coffin in stock in any Portsmouth undertaking establishment was long enough to accommodate his remains.

A special order for a coffin was sent to Cincinnati, but no stock coffin to be found there would answer the purpose, and it was necessary to make one to order. The Guthrie funeral was largely attended.

Best shoe values at the Factory Shoe Store, 118 Gallia, H. W. Maltby, Prop.

Witnesses In Parker Case

Ironton, O., Dec. 21.—Chief Fisher, Mayor Golden and chief appointed John King received checks from Cincinnati for services rendered as witnesses against J. C. Parker in the "White Slave" case soon to be brought against him in Cincinnati federal court. The three named above served as witnesses in the preliminary arraignment of Parker before Attorney Cooper in his office. They expect to be summoned to Cincinnati to be witnesses in the real trial. It is said that there is very strong convictive evidence against Parker.

Kanner's automatic stropper at Freund's. 13-10

Redepinning clothes have individuality. Redepinning, the tailor, opp. Columbia theatre. 19-4

Special Coupon Offer On Men's Overcoats for this week. Cleaned and Pressed for 75 Cents.

Regular price \$1.00 to \$1.50.

This is a special Christmas offer. We want more Portsmouth men to know how perfectly we do highest grade pressing and dry cleaning.

You want your Overcoat looking at its very best on Christmas. We want to fix it up for you. All work absolutely guaranteed. Coupon must positively accompany overcoat to get this special low price.

This coupon entitles bearer or sender, when coupon accompanies Overcoat to have his Overcoat cleaned and pressed in first class manner for 75 Cents. Offer good for 5 days only, beginning Monday, December 18th, expiring Friday, Dec. 22, 1911.

U. S. LAUNDRY

Dry Cleaning. 24 East Fourth St.

Have You A Want?—Fill It With A Times Want.

PLEASE SHOP IN MORNINGS IF POSSIBLE.

THE BRAGDON DRY GOODS CO.

ONLY 2 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL XMAS

NOW FOR The Greatest Three Days Of Christmas Service That Has Ever Been Given

THE PLACE TO BUY IS SURELY BRAGDON'S, AND THE MORNING HOURS FOR EASY AND CONVENIENT SHOPPING, BUT BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST WHEN YOU CAN AND WE WILL GIVE YOU THE BEST, COURTEOUS AND PROMPT ATTENTION POSSIBLE.

WONDERFUL HANDKERCHIEF VALUES

No good style or size of handkerchief is missing in our vast collection.

Women's Handkerchiefs 50c; 6 for 25c.

Women's Initial Handkerchiefs (6 in box), 60c.

Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs 10c to 25c.

Women's pure linen hand embroidered handkerchiefs 10c; 3 for 25c.

Men's Handkerchiefs, hem-stitched Cambric, plain white or colored borders 6 for 25c.

Men's fine Cambric Handkerchiefs (3 for 25c) 10c.

Men's fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, 25c value. Special 15c.

Men's pure linen Handkerchiefs, 12, 15, 25, 50c.

Men's Initial Pure linen Handkerchiefs, 15c; 2 for 25c.

Men's Silk Initial Japanese Handkerchiefs, 10c; 3 for 25c.

UMBRELLAS

The most appreciative and useful of all Christmas gifts. We have a splendid assortment, carefully selected for Christmas giving.

Children's 22 inch Umbrellas 48c, 75c and 98c.

Men's 28 inch Umbrellas, 48c, 75c, 98c, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$2.98, up to \$5.00.

Women's 28 inch Umbrellas, 48c to \$5.00.

Extra Specials: 20 inch Taffeta Umbrellas in over a hundred styles, plain and fancy handles. Choice 98c.

25 inch fine all Silk Umbrellas in the newest handles, \$5 value, \$3.98.

Some appropriate gifts for women:

Toilet Sets and Mirrors, Silk Hosiery, Fancy Ties and Ribbons, Kid Gloves or Fabric Gloves, Wool Dress Patterns, Silk Waist or Dress Patterns, Fur Mitts and Scarfs, Long Coats, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs.

Men: Suspenders in Xmas Boxes 25c, 50c and 75c.

Men's Ties in Boxes, Shaving Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Smoker Sets.

For Home: Blankets, Comforts, Cut Glass Articles, Indian Articles, Bed Spreads, Table Cloths and Napkins, Towels, Embroidered Scarfs and Squares.

List of Piano Contestants as They Stand Today

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| 1. Gertrude Dillian | 5. Lecha Barr | 9. Ida McCarty | 13. Erma Lowry |
| 2. Helen Nagel | 6. Ethel Smith | 10. Ida Denning | 14. Nelle Morford |
| 3. Sylvia Lavender | 7. Leona Reeg | 11. Ethel Cross | |
| 4. Julia Nickel | 8. Marie Trowbridge | 12. Ollie Whitt | |

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THERE is not a man or woman in this city who would borrow a dollar from any other company if they knew and realized how this institution is conducted; how fair, conservative and liberal its policy is; a policy that for twenty years has conformed to the wishes and needs of thousands of people, who today are counted the best asset of this company. It is this policy that has paved the way for our success. It is this policy that has won over the combined and crushing opposition of all competitors. They, themselves cannot say a word against it, because our policy is right and legitimate.

Our office will be open every evening until Christmas.

OHIO LOAN CO. Masonic Temple Bldg

MASONIC NOTICE
Aurora Lodge F. & A. M. will meet Thursday evening, December 21, 7 o'clock. Work in Master Mason degree.

WANTED:—Two young men, roomers, or men and wife. First class room. Bath, gas, electricity. Call 131 West Fourth St. Phone 615.

WANTED:—Experienced girl. Call at 149 East 4th.

WANTED:—To buy good second hand office desk and chair. Phone Times.

WANTED:—Boarders at 42 E. 11th St.

NOTICE:—Ladies' and gents' ware and shoes, also cleaning and pressing. Call and see us. Cox and Graybill, Haney Bldg. East 11th St.

WANTED:—Girl with references for general house work, ironing and no washing. Mrs. Henry Province, 17 West Sixth St.

CARPENTERS
Carpenters wanted. First class men on construction work. The Portsmouth Steel Co.

WANTED:—To buy 10 to 30 acres land as close to Portsmouth as possible. Write at once, Norton Miller, 203 East State, Trenton, N. J.

WHY NOT BUY A Singer or Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine for a Christmas present? 320 Chillicothe Street.

HELP WANTED
500 MEN—20 to 40 years old wanted at once for Electric Railway Motormen and Conductors; \$80 to \$100 a month; no experience necessary; fine opportunity; no strike; write immediately for application blank. Address J. W. G., Care of Times.

WANTED:—Carpets to clean. We make rugs out of old carpets. Portsmouth Carpet Cleaning Co. Revere & Kingman. Home Phone 490.

WAGES:—Notes, rents, board bills, and bad debts collected, large or small. No charge unless collection is made. Dean Law and Collection Co. Rooms 6, 7, and 8, 613 Chillicothe St. Home phone A-1157. Cut this out.

WANTED FOR U. S. ARMY:—Able-bodied, unmarried men between ages 18 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write the English language. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 603 Chillicothe Street, Portsmouth, Ohio, July 1 1912.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE:—Or trade for city property, 170 acres on West Side, 1 room house, stable for 20 cows; land suitable for growing fruit and vegetables. 5 minutes drive from Portsmouth. J. L. Fraithier, 300 Jackson Street. Phone A 1149.

FOR SALE:—Bicycle in good condition. 222 East Ninth. Phone N 599.

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Your call and your business. Our ample capital, surplus and profit reserves are your safeguards for the future, as they have been in the past.

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FOR SALE
New 5 room cottage on Hill, has water, gas and cellar. Nice lot. A bargain at \$1950. Terms to suit.

Good 5 room cottage at Terminals, will sell for \$1400.

Seven room two-story house at New Boston. A bargain at \$1550.

J. E. SHUMP
"The Real Estate Man"
Home phone Y 1435.

1804 Grandview

FOR SALE:—Or trade one complete grocery in Amann block on Officers. J. M. Augustin.

FOR SALE:—2 French pointer puppies. Male \$3.00, female \$4.00. 57 West Second Street.

FOR SALE:—Or exchange for real estate, a stock of general merchandise, new and bought right. What have you to trade? G. M. Warder, Corner Sixth and Gay Sts. Home phone B 335.

FOR SALE:—Two story barn, 16x34, price \$25. Mrs. W. S. Walker, 305 New Bk. 21-3.

FOR SALE:—Turkeys dressed and delivered. Call Mrs. Brown at Bauman's Farm. Weight 12 pounds and up. 19-3.

FOR SALE:—14 volumes of "Living" history; 5 volumes of "Edgar Allen Poe", perfectly new. Handsomely bound. Will sell entire lot for \$14.50. Call Home phone N 907.

FOR SALE:—5 milk cows on Slab Run, West Side. Inquire at North, Ohio. J. M. Benson.

FOR SALE:—Three fine display cases. Apply Portsmouth Brewing & Ice Co.

FOR SALE:—Lot 12x120, corner Summit and 20th St. Will take team or horse and buggy as trade. See John Wingo, 822 Offshore.

FOR SALE:—Stone cottage, Timmonds ave. J. Reitz, 114 East Second.

FOR SALE:—Stereotype mats better than paper to put under carpets. Inquire at Times office.

TALK WITH DEAN AND GET YOUR MONEY.

FOR SALE:—Houses, lots and farms. Some on easy payments. P. W. Kilcayne. Phone B-922.

FOR SALE:—Christmas trees. Harry Hoyes, 264 East Fourth. Phone Y 1185.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT:—Farm. Call J. H. W. Thompson, 615 Offshore. 21-3.

FOR RENT:—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping; all conveniences, 518 Union St.

FOR RENT:—3 furnished rooms 10 E. Second.

FOR RENT:—Large store room plate glass front, Corner 9th and Offshore. T. A. Simpson, 1113 Lincoln. Phone 459.

FOR RENT:—8 room residence with bath. Clara Foster, 905 Offshore.

FOR RENT:—Furnished front room with all conveniences. Gentlemen preferred. 205 East Ninth.

LOST
LOST:—Between Anderson's store and 122 West 6th, black Astrakhan bag. Return to Mrs. T. J. Graham, 122 West Sixth.

LOST:—Large pocketbook containing Christmas packages and money between Kirby's and Zollner's. Phone Y 325 for reward.

LOST:—Open face gold watch. Reward for return 709 East Eighth.

LOST:—\$2.00 Men's Hats, 95c. The Salvage.

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Has The Grip.
Alva Lewis, one of the popular conductors on the local street railway lines, is laid up at his home suffering from an attack of the grip.

BARGAINS IN HOMES

4 room cottage East Sixth St., 2 story stable \$1100
7 room house, water, gas and cistern, East Sixth Street. \$1650
Fine 4 room cottage, water, gas, two cabinet mantles, also stable, house 4 rooms \$2100
Good 5 room cottage, water, gas, cistern, large barn \$1550
7 room house near Chillicothe Street, water, gas, cistern, large house 4 rooms \$2100
4, 5 and 6 room houses in all parts of the city. Cash or easy terms. Loans arranged.

CHEAP COTTAGES

I have two fine modern five room cottages just completed that can be bought cheap if sold this week.

Five large rooms, bath complete, hot and cold water, gas heater, reception hall, hall, front and rear porch, sliding door, cabinet mantle. Both in good locations. One on Hill. Cash or easy terms.

CHARLES V. WERTZ
14 East Fourth Street.
Phone X 766.

Valuables Stolen
from residences and stores insured with us will be recovered by the best detectives in the United States. We write all kinds of burglary and safe insurance—rates reasonable. Call

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Auctioneers, Furniture Packers, Craters and Shippers. Repair and Upholstery.

Daily sales, all kinds of goods in our auction room. Special auction sales of furniture every Friday.

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24 West Second Street.

GOOD INVESTMENTS
I have some good vacant lots for sale in Sciotoville and Wheelersburg. Will rapidly increase in value.

Two good houses and lots at the Terminals.

Several good farms in Scioto County. Good farms and timber lands in Virginia.

Fine farming and grazing land in Oklahoma and Texas.

Much of this land will prove a most profitable investment. Values have increased from 20 to 50 per cent the past year.

FRANK L. SIKES
Room 305 Masonic Temple
Phones: Home 1401. Bell 203 B

FOR SALE
New 5 room cottage on Robinson avenue. Cheap if sold this week. Bath, gas, electric lights. Hurry up.

\$5000 home 70 ft., 6 rooms and bath, No. 144 East Second St.

Also
\$5000 home, 4 rooms, bath, 50 ft. on East Fourth street.

MERLE O. DUDUIT
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300 Masonic Temple.
Phone 2 on 101

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On City Property
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You should borrow your money from the Royal.

1. Interest charged on the unpaid balance only.

2. All loans made on our semi-annual interest reducing plan.

3. No extra charge or excessive rate of interest for this plan.

4. Weekly or monthly payments.

5. Cost of making loan is small.

6. Money furnished quickly.

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Provide your family with a certificate, Royal Arcanum, insurance for \$1000.00. PRESENT VALUE

It will protect your home and loved ones. Give you a council home, aid in sickness and distress. FUTURE VALUE

Carmen Name Fine Corps Of Officers

At a large attended meeting of the Carmen's Union No. 455, composed of the conductors and motormen of the local street railway company, Wednesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Ed Wonsley.
Vice President, A. D. Kehoe.
Secretary, Walter Schuyler.
Treasurer, Alva Lewis.
Sentinel, S. A. Darby.
Warden, John Parker.
Executive committee, Ed Wonsley, Charles Luckett, A. E. Lewis, Virgil Cornutte, Ed Gore.

Delegate to Central Labor Council, Dave Bauer, Walter Schuyler, Charles Luckett, Ed Gore.

The union is in a flourishing condition and the outlook for a prosperous year is quite flattering.

\$3.50 Boys' Rubber Coats \$2.45. The Salvage.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Marriage licenses were granted Thursday to:

Rouben Hieckman, 28, farmer, and Miss Martha Radabough, 21, both of Lucasville. Rev. B. W. Vance.

Josiah Eldridge, 18, Greenup co., Ky., and Miss Pearl Spence, 18, city, both shoeworkers. Rev. F. J. Baumann.

Holiday stationery, the finest line at most reasonable prices. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts.

BUILDING PERMITS
A permit was issued to A. Hurlb, Sr., Thursday for a sanitary sewer line at the rear of his property No. 210 Market street.

\$3.00 Men's Pants, \$1.95. The Salvage.

Will Consult A Specialist
Thos. Brushart, former bookkeeper at the Ohio Valley Bank, left Thursday for Cincinnati, where he will consult a specialist. Mr. Brushart has been suffering with rheumatism for the past few weeks, and it is thought the specialist will recommend a trip to Hot Springs.

Gift Laundry, suspenders, gloves, combination sets. Russell's, 505 Chillicothe St.

Five Big Boys.
Born to Samuel Moore and wife of Vinton avenue, a fine big boy. The proud father is a well known contracting carpenter and right now the biggest man in the town.

KNITTEL'S.
A special line of German Cakes Novelties.

FOR SALE
Five room, two story house, with bath, cellar, and cistern, well built slate roof. Within easy reach of the N. & W. Terminals. One-half a block from main line cars. Price \$2100.

Easy payments and loan arranged.

THE FRANK B. FINNEY CO.
William C. Hazlebeck, Treasurer.
19 Gallia Street.
Home Phone 70 or X 1156
Bell—Main 205 W.

HORSE GOT TIED.
George Sachs' gray horse galloped away from the upper end of the N. & O. S.W. freight depot Thursday noon but got tied after going a square and no damage resulted.

75c Leather Collar Boxes, 38c. The Salvage.

NEW YORK STOCKS.
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 21.—The last sale of stocks today was:

Amalgamated Copper, 66 1/2.
American Beet Sugar, 56 1/2.
American Sugar Refining, 116.
Baltimore & Ohio, 103 1/2.
Chesapeake & Ohio, 74 1/2.
Illinois Central, 141.
Louisville & Nashville, 155 1/2.
New York Central, 105 1/2.
Noble & Western, 108 1/2.
Pennsylvania, 123.
United States Steel, 68 1/2.
United States Steel, Preferred, 114 1/2.
Western Union, 78 1/2.

GRAIN MARKET.
OPENING.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Wheat:

Dec., 94 1/2; May, 98 1/2 to 99 1/2; July, 94 1/2 to 94 1/2.

Corn: Dec., 64 to 64 1/2; May, 65 1/2 to 65; July, 65 1/2 to 65.

Oats: Dec., 46 1/2; May, 48 1/2 to 48 1/2; July, 45 1/2.

LIVE STOCK MARKET
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Hogs: receipts, 26,000 head; market, steady; mixed, \$5.75 to \$6.25; good, \$6.00 to \$6.25; light, \$5.60 to \$6.10; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.70.

Cattle: receipts, 6,500 head; market, steady; beefs, \$4.80 to \$5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 to \$5.85; calves, \$5.00 to \$7.50.

Sheep and lambs: receipts, 15,000 head; market, strong; natives, \$2.50 to \$4.10; lambs, \$4.00 to \$6.35.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Cattle: supply, light; market, steady; choice, \$7.50 to \$7.85; prime, \$6.50 to \$7.00; common, \$5.00 to \$6.75; real calves, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Sheep and lambs: receipts, fair; market, slow; prime wethers, \$3.80 to \$4.00; good mixed, \$3.25 to \$3.75; fair mixed, \$2.65 to \$3.20.

Hogs: receipts, 10 double deck; market, active; prime wethers, \$6.35 to \$6.40; medium, \$6.30; heavy Yorkers, \$6.30; light Yorkers, \$6.25 to \$6.35; pigs, \$4.60 to \$6.15.

REMEMBERED BY SANTA
Not a person on the Times staff was forgotten today by the Style Shop Santa Claus. The men were treated to good cigars and the ladies—well—they received handsome silk hose. Hats are off to the Style Shop and much oblige Mr. Goodman.

\$2.00 Men's Hats, 95c. The Salvage.

FREIGHT IS DERAILED
A freight derailment on the Pocahtas division Thursday delayed passenger train No. 15 two hours this afternoon. No one was hurt.

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REMEMBERED BY SANTA

Not a person on the Times staff was forgotten today by the Style Shop Santa Claus. The men were treated to good cigars and the ladies—well—they received handsome silk hose. Hats are off to the Style Shop and much oblige Mr. Goodman.

\$2.00 Men's Hats, 95c. The Salvage.

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Home From Georgetown.
Attorney Theo. K. Funk has returned from a few days' visit at Georgetown, O.

THE MARKETS
NEW YORK STOCKS.
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 21.—The last sale of stocks today was:

Amalgamated Copper, 66 1/2.
American Beet Sugar, 56 1/2.
American Sugar Refining, 116.
Baltimore & Ohio, 103 1/2.
Chesapeake & Ohio, 74 1/2.
Illinois Central, 141.
Louisville & Nashville, 155 1/2.
New York Central, 105 1/2.
Noble & Western, 108 1/2.
Pennsylvania, 123.
United States Steel, 68 1/2.
United States Steel, Preferred, 114 1/2.
Western Union, 78 1/2.

GRAIN MARKET.
OPENING.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Wheat:

Dec., 94 1/2; May, 98 1/2 to 99 1/2; July, 94 1/2 to 94 1/2.

Corn: Dec., 64 to 64 1/2; May, 65 1/2 to 65; July, 65 1/2 to 65.

Oats: Dec., 46 1/2; May, 48 1/2 to 48 1/2; July, 45 1/2.

LIVE STOCK MARKET
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Hogs: receipts, 26,000 head; market, steady; mixed, \$5.75 to \$6.25; good, \$6.00 to \$6.25; light, \$5.60 to \$6.10; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.70.

Cattle: receipts, 6,500 head; market, steady; beefs, \$4.80 to \$5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 to \$5.85; calves, \$5.00 to \$7.50.

Sheep and lambs: receipts, 15,000 head; market, strong; natives, \$2.50 to \$4.10; lambs, \$4.00 to \$6.35.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Cattle: supply, light; market, steady; choice, \$7.50 to \$7.85; prime, \$6.50 to \$7.00; common, \$5.00 to \$6.75; real calves, \$8.50 to \$9.00.

Sheep and lambs: receipts, fair; market, slow; prime wethers, \$3.80 to \$4.00; good mixed, \$3.25 to \$3.75; fair mixed, \$2.65 to \$3.20.

Hogs: receipts, 10 double deck; market, active; prime wethers, \$6.35 to \$6.40; medium, \$6.30; heavy Yorkers, \$6.30; light Yorkers, \$6.25 to \$6.35; pigs, \$4.60 to \$6.15.

CHRISTMAS
Provide your family with a certificate, Royal Arcanum, insurance for \$1000.00. PRESENT VALUE

It will protect your home and loved ones. Give you a council home, aid in sickness and distress. FUTURE VALUE

At your decease, a draft for the amount is sent within ten days from date thereof.

THOROUGHLY PROVEN
By 30 years of successful operation. For rates see T. A. RUSSELL, Sec'y.
Home Phone 720.

MISS Elna Schaefer, of Market street, is steadily recovering from her illness with typhoid fever.

Lou Gehres, of the milling firm of Gehres Bros., who has been ill for some time past, is now enjoying daily automobile rides and feeling immensely improved.

Gus Roberts, of Nauvoo, who has been quite ill for several days, continues in a critical condition.

Pearl, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, of Nauvoo, who is ill with typhoid fever, remains about the same.

SOCIETY FASHION

Prof. Leonard Knowles, well known athletic instructor and coach, will leave today for the East. He will take a leave of absence for a few days, and will return to his duties on Monday. He will be in the city during his absence.

Earl and Jay Marshall will leave Sunday for Huntington, W. Va., where on Monday Earl will marry Miss Essie Wilkinson, a teacher in the Wayne schools. The newly weds will depart immediately for Roanoke and other points, and will come to Portsmouth to reside in about two weeks.

The Scioto Salt Creek school will give a Christmas entertainment Saturday evening.

Mrs. John Wagner, of Miller's Run, is in the city shopping today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Duduit of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Wellston and Charles T. Dean of Portsmouth, Va., are expected the last of the week to spend Christmas at the home of Capt. and Mrs. H. R. Browne, of Irontown.

Miss Mildred Armstrong celebrated her fourteenth birthday anniversary with a birthday party at her parents home at the terminals. The evening was spent in games and music. There were twenty boys and girls present. After partaking of refreshments they returned to their homes wishing her many returns of the day.

Miss Maggie McKnight and Mr. Walter McPann, of Wheelersburg, were in the city shopping today and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hansen, of West Sixth street.

Mrs. Glancy Reed and son, Chester, of Slocum's Station, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hansen, of West Sixth street.

Miss Elba Esham and Ollie Bodkin, of Vanceburg, Ky., who have been here with relatives, will return home this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKee and sons, Robert and Arthur, of West Second street, will go to Cincinnati Saturday, to spend the Yuletide with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Izard of East Fifth street, will spend the holidays with Mr. Izard's parents at Georgetown, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rader and son, Clarence, of Elmwood, Cincinnati, will arrive today to be the guests of Mr. Rader's sister, Mrs. William Gulker of West Eighth street, over Christmas.

Miss Bessie Moore of 217 Market street, will leave today for Greenup, Ky., to spend Christmas week with Mrs. Carl Brewster.

The following which appeared in the Chillicothe News-Advertiser will be of interest locally as Miss Snyder has often visited relatives in this city:

"Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Snyder of Bridge street, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Snyder, to Edgar E. Ross of Bluefield, W. Va., which will take place Tuesday, January 16, 1912. Both young people are well and favorably known and their approaching marriage will elicit no end of hearty congratulations. Mr. Ross is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Ross of Kingston. He was formerly employed by the Southern Express Co. in this city."

this city and was later transferred to Lynchburg, Va., but now holds the responsible position of cashier for the same company at Bluefield."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morgan and children, of Glover street, will leave Saturday for Oak Hill to spend Christmas with Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Katherine Williams.

Misses Ruth Lova and Eutha Young, of Huntington, W. Va., are coming next Tuesday to attend the Yuletide dance. While in the city they will be the guests of Mrs. W. G. Williams of Gallia street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rardin and baby daughter, and Mr. Watson Goddard, are going to Wellston, Saturday, to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Goddard. On Christmas morning Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rardin will go to Wellston to spend the day at the Goddard home.

Mrs. E. A. Dabala and baby daughter are coming home tonight from a two months visit with relatives in Du Bois, Pa.

Mrs. Ed Seaman and children are coming from Delaware next week to remain until after New Year's with Mrs. Seaman's mother, Mrs. Anna M. Reed, of West Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson and daughter, Viola, of Cincinnati, will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. B. Richardson, of West Fifth street. Mrs. Richardson will entertain with a family dinner on Xmas day.

Mrs. Bertha Jones, of the Lyons-Jones Millinery establishment, will go to Oak Hill Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Blakeney, of Roanoke, Va., are coming Saturday to spend Xmas with Mrs. Blakeney's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Tremper.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sauter and baby of Roanoke, Va., will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mrs. Sauter's mother, Mrs. James McMahon, of East Ninth street. Mr. Ed McMahon will also arrive from Dayton Saturday to spend Xmas with his mother.

A number of the younger set are arranging to go to Ironton to attend the matinee dance on December 26th, given by the Agwa Club of that city.

The T. B. C. Club will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. Albert Jordan, Eighth and Broadway.

The Swastika Division 262, J. A. to O. H. C., held a business session in their hall yesterday afternoon, to arrange for the installation to night.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones and son Carl, of 1312 Findlay street, will leave Friday night for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Bristol, Tenn., and will also stop over for a day or two at Bluefield, W. Va.

Mrs. Adolph Huth, Jr., and children will spend Christmas in Cincinnati. They expect to join Mr. Huth here week after next.

Anselm Skelton, who is attending

the Cincinnati Law School, will arrive home Friday to remain with home folks until after New Year's. He will take the next state bar examination.

Morton Shumway, who is attending school at O. S. U., is home for the Christmas vacation.

Eugene Wurster arrived today from Philadelphia where he is in his last year in the College of Pharmacy.

Mrs. M. E. Edelson and daughter, Alfreda, of Ironton, arrived today to be the Yuletide guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hammel, of East Second street.

Miss Helen Legler, of West Second street, will leave Saturday for Hamilton, Ohio, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cetner, former residents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hagen Harvey will leave the latter part of the week for Portsmouth, where they will be entertained on Christmas by the latter's relatives and attend several other functions given in their honor.—Huntington Advertiser.

Louis Minego and wife are expected here from Cumminsville tonight to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heisel of Chillicothe street.

Yesterday was the sixth birthday anniversary of Master Emerson Hoobler, the interesting little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hoobler, and in honor of the occasion Miss Dode Jeffers entertained Master Emerson and three of his little playmates, Jack Bridges, Clay Hoobler and Edgar Seitz, with a Xmas party yesterday afternoon at her home on West Sixth street. After the games, which the children enjoyed for an hour, Miss Jeffers served delicious refreshments.

A birthday cake adorned with six pink candles formed the centerpiece of the table, and miniature Santa Claus were used as the favors.

Mr. F. H. Menke will arrive home from Massillon Saturday to spend Xmas with his mother, Mrs. M. Menke, of Hutchins street. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Newberger, of Hilliard, O., will arrive next week to spend New Year's with Mrs. Menke.

Mrs. C. I. Bush, of West Seventh street, had as guests Wednesday Mrs. Geo. M. Clergy, of Ironton, and Mrs. A. J. Stein, of Vanceburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harford, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, are coming Sunday to spend Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bridges.

The Scioto Bridge Club met this afternoon at the home of Miss Ruth Thompson. After the game, refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Roy Lynn, who has been so seriously ill for several days, was able to sit up an hour or two today and it is now thought that she is entirely out of danger. Mrs. Lynn is one of Portsmouth's sweetest singers.

Mrs. Maynard Morton of Fulton, Ky., was called to Pittsburg this morning by the serious illness of her sister.

Mrs. W. S. Walker of New Fifth street, received word this afternoon that her father, Mr. James Petrie was dying at Jasper and she left on the 3 o'clock train for his bedside.

Mrs. Walker received a message Wednesday stating that her father was quite low with pneumonia. Mr. Petrie is well known in Kentucky and has been postmaster for several years.

Mrs. Louis Lowry, teacher of shorthand in the Portsmouth College of business, accompanied by her son, left Thursday for southern Florida, where she will visit with friends and relatives throughout the holidays.

Fred and John Hansen, of Wait's Station, were Wednesday the guests of their brother, Michael Hansen, of West Sixth street.

John Brandt, of the Davis Drug Company, and family moved from Washington street to their elegant new home at Grant and Franklin avenue Thursday. The house is one of the finest in the Hill-Top district.

A youthful couple, Joshua Eldridge and Miss Pearl Spence, were united in marriage Thursday afternoon by Rev. F. J. Baumann, at the German Methodist parsonage. The age of each of the newweds was given as 18 and both are showworkers employed in this city. The bridegroom formerly lived in Greenup county, Ky.

Miss Mary Noller will entertain the W. E. C. Club tomorrow evening at her home on East Fourth street.

Mr. E. C. Bauer left today for Columbus, to spend Xmas with relatives.

Josh Eldridge, a shoemaker, and Miss Spence, stepdaughter of Col. T. D. Wallingford of Front and Chillicothe streets, are to be married tonight.

Miss Louise Hoyt, who accompanied Miss Edna Dawson home from the Hollins Institute, in Roanoke, Va., last week, will take her departure for Cincinnati tomorrow, where she will join her father to spend Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hark have gone to Vanceburg to be the holiday guests of his sister, Mrs. George Burrie.

Word was received here Wednesday to the effect that Mrs. Mary E. Benjamin, mother of Edward Benjamin, employed at the N. & W. Terminal, and Israel Fouts, of McConnellsville, had been married at Parkersburg, W. Va., on December 15. The bride, who is 67 years of age, spent last winter in this city. The groom is a retired and wealthy farmer and has reached the advanced age of 78 years. They are expected here on a visit before long.

A Charming Woman
is one who is lovely in face, form, mind and temper. But it is hard for a woman to be charming without health. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion and perfect health. Try them. 50c. at The Fisher & Streich Pharmacy.

Dud Gets Jolt Fair in Optic

As a result of a friendly wrestling match in the Lima House saloon on the east side of the square, the principles, Dudley McFadden, a bartender, and Jas. Gillan, a railroader, became involved in a fierce fist encounter, in which the former suffered injuries that for a time threatened to destroy the sight of his right eye, says the Lima Times-Democrat.

The two men started in a friendly fashion, but as the contest waged, each became angry, and a real fight resulted. Gillan struck McFadden a blow on the eye, which rendered him dizzy and, and for a time it was reported that the sight was destroyed. It was learned this morning, however, that the sight was not impaired.

Gillan is an amateur boxer of some note, and has also participated in wrestling matches about town. It was stated this morning that McFadden would not file charges against him.

McFadden is a Portsmouth boy and left here about the time the saloons were voted out, three years ago. He had a wide acquaintance and was a popular fellow.

With the Coming of Middle Age
There is a letting down in the physical forces often shown in annoying and painful kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills are a splendid regulating and strengthening medicine at such a time. Try them. For sale by Fisher & Streich.

\$1.50 Ladies' Umbrellas, 95c. The Salvage.

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MRS. HINKLE ANXIOUS

Chief McCarty received a letter from Cincinnati Thursday, signed Mrs. John Hinkle, making inquiry relative to the present whereabouts of her husband. She further inquires if he has instituted divorce proceedings, declaring if he has not that she herself will do so at once.

The Ladies' Silk Hose, 19c. The Salvage.

Charles Nichols, student at Ann Arbor College, returned home Thursday to spend his holiday visit with home folks.

Dr. J. D. Jordan and family expect to spend Christmas with friends and relatives in Cincinnati.

Fine gift neckwear at Russell's, 505 Chillicothe.

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JUDGE BALL NAMED

In pursuance of statute, Judge Bently Thursday appointed Judge Ball as trustee to receive the payments due from the county under the laws of Ohio to Mrs. David Crabtree for the maintenance of her three children, by reason of the father, David Crabtree, being found guilty of failure to provide and abandonment and sent to the workhouse.

Centron was sentenced to six months and fined \$100, and under the law the family will receive at the rate of 40 cents or each day of his imprisonment. As the father has already been at the works for nearly two months, the family will be paid \$25, which will go a long way in spreading a spirit of good cheer at Christmas in the little hamlet on the West Side. This is the first instance application has been made for the allowance to either court in Scioto county, although there is a number doing

time who have been convicted of similar offenses.

GOING TO STEEL CO.

John Salliday, for the past several years employed as clerk in the B. & O. S. W. office, has resigned to take a position in the Portsmouth Steel company's main office. George Hull of Wellston will likely succeed in the position at the B. & O. S. W.

Helping At Hall's.
Wm. Kugelmann and Norman Baker are helping out during the Christmas rush in Hall Bros.' fine big store.

WOLFE'S INSOLE ARCH-SUPPORTERS
For flat feet, breaks down under-weak ankles. Made of corkwood and leather—no metal. You'll like them. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write for illustrated price list for Agents. Bells, Trusses, Braces, Electric Buckles, Suspenders. 25 years' experience making appliances for defective feet. C. J. WOLFE, 111 W. Seventh Ave., CHILICOTHE, O.

Two Days More Then Christmas Shopping Will Be Over

Our assortment of jewelry gifts is still full of choice pieces. We have anticipated a large business and are receiving shipments daily by express. A gift in gold or silver is always appreciated and the kind we sell lasts for many years. A constant reminder of Christmas 1911.

Ladies' and Gents' Gold and Gold Filled Watches of the very latest patterns are here for your inspection. New and novel Collar Pins, Mesh Bags, Bracelets just arrived today.

A FEW FINAL SUGGESTIONS

Watch Fobs, Chalkin Pins, Emblem Rings and Pins, Locketts, Silver Purse, Cut Glass Pieces, Umbrellas, Carving Sets, Knives and Forks, Spoons, Pendant Neck Chains, Gold Beads, Rosaries, Tie Pins, Cuff Buttons, Baby Spoons, Baby Spoon Sets, Baby Cups, Baby Chains, Rings. A true Diamond for Him or Her.

\$75.00 \$310.00 \$50.00 \$75.00

Extra fine quality White Diamonds for Ladies and Men. If you want a gem that is full of sparkle and life, our values can not be equalled anywhere. You get value in Diamonds when you buy here. Our display of rings from \$15.00 to \$50.00 is still complete and when quality is considered, nowhere can stones be bought for less money. Come today and make your selection, buying diamonds is a safe and profitable investment here.

Otto Zoellner & Bro.
415 Chillicothe Street

Better Than Popcorn or Candy

Put a box of "Happy Towns" on the Christmas Tree for every child in the party. Better than a box of candy—for "Happy Towns" are not only good to eat but delightful and entertaining toys as well.

Happy Town "Chew-Chew" Cars

Sweet, crisp, digestible crackers, cut in the form of engines and cars, with wheels that fasten on with straws, "Happy Towns" will amuse a party of children hour after hour.

Packed in a choice box which makes the "Happy Town" Station, 100 crackers—five complete trains—cost ten cents. Your grocer has them.

READY SOON! The "Happy Town" Circus, Garage, Fire Department, Trolley Cars, Farms, etc.

Made only by
The Green & Green Co., Edgemont, Dayton, Ohio
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A MERRIE 1911 CHRISTMAS!

A few Sets of Choice Furs left These Will Go at Sharply Reduced Prices.

All Furs at \$5.00 and less at 10 per cent discount.
All Furs at \$10.00 and less at 15 per cent off.
All Furs at \$20.00 and over at 20 per cent off to clean up before Xmas. These are as cheap as you will find them in April.

All Silk Dresses at 20 per cent reduction.
A beautiful line of Linen Towels, Table Squares, Lunch Cloths, Side Board and Dresser Scarfs.
Our dainty White Aprons are going fast.
Sweater Coats and Aviation Caps, Gloves and Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Head Scarfs, Hand Bags, Umbrellas all make acceptable gifts.
Under Muslins and Petticoats, Snowsuits and Fascinators, Knit Skirts, Bed Spreads in Marcellas and Dimity stripe make easy washing and suitable gifts.
Child's Sets of Furs reduced sharply to clean them up before Xmas.

COME TO
The Atlas Trading Co.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus:—I have been a good little girl all year, and want you to bring me a doll, a hat, a pair of gloves, a punch set, a tray, a bracelet, a set of dices and a story book, a basket ball. Don't forget me. Be sure to fill my stocking full. I want candy, oranges and nuts. You will find me at 351 Front street.

RUBY AYERS.

Dear Santa Claus:—Will write you a letter as I am a good little girl. My home is in Frothingham, Maryland, but I am at my grandma's house now. So please don't forget me. I want a ring, high-chair, rattle and anything else you can spare for a four-month-old baby. And now, please Santa, don't forget my grandma.

Your little friend,
CLAUDIA AVANELL GRIM.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want kid gloves for Christmas, and a doll and a leather baggy and a sideboard and a set of dices and a table and a stove and books and a little chair for my doll and a writing desk and a pocket-book and a new coat.

FAY HORTON.

Dear Santa, North Pole:—Please bring me a baby horse, jumping-jack, a horn, a sled, a pair of stockings, a new suit, an engine that runs on a track, and bring my little playmate, Anna, a doll baby, some books and set of dices. Bring both of us some candy and nuts.

Your friend, PAUL MONTAVON.
P. S.—I live on West Fifth street and you can come down the chimney, which is not dirty, and I'll be a good boy and not wait for you.

Dear Santa Claus:—We are some late with our letters, but hope you will have time to glance over it. Will you please bring me a knife and a pair of gloves, a rocking chair, an overcoat, and bring Herman an overcoat and knife to sharpen pencils with, a rocking-chair, a chain for my watch, and candy and fruits. We live at Star Yards, No. 30, Your Friends, HERMAN and OMER BUTLER.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy and will let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a drum, an automobile, a wheelbarrow, a little girl 6 years old. I live about one mile from Sedan. I want you to bring me a nice doll baby and candy and oranges, and lots of nice things and don't forget my little brother and sister, they want something nice too. You can leave our things in the dining room. So don't forget us we will be good children.

From your little friend,
May Deemer.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little

the doll and a cradle. I like dolls. I want a chue-chu train on wheels that run, a gun and lots of candy and nuts. I live on West Second street across from the old gas house. It won't be hard to find me. Goodbye. Your little friend,
GEORGINA TATMAN.

P. S.—Don't forget my little playmate, Margaret Baizer. She wants a doll buggy and doll and a lot of nice things to play with. Don't forget.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to bring me two little dolls and a go-cart to put them in. I want one with red hair like my sister's baby and a little cradle and a little set of dices and a stove and some candy and nuts. And Santa don't forget my little friend, Charlie, for he wants a wagon and a billy goat and some marbles. I am a good little girl and I go to school every day. I live at 555 18th street. Please do not forget me, for I am looking for you, goodby.

Adah Cunningham.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy seven years old and a good little boy. I go to school every day. Want you bring a little red wagon and a little dog like they have at Kirby's. And don't forget my three little friends, Little Frank Allen and Walter Kress and Posie Flowers. Bring each of us a pair of little boots with little red tops and a little air gun. I am your friend, Willie Heart.

Dear Santa Claus:—I have been a good boy this year at home and at school. I am 8 years old. I think you ought to pay me a call. I want a cap, overcoat and a pair of leggings, pair of shoes and a music box. You will find me at 162 East 13th street.

James Malcomb Price.

Dear Santa:—

Please bring me a drum, a train, a gun, a sword, a horn, a sled, a watch, a new suit, a horse, a cowboy suit, a set of tools, a pair of boots, a raincoat, a rain hat, a wheel, a pair of skates, a pair of shoes, a fire department and waists and something good to eat, a pair of gloves.

CHESTER RYANS

97 Thirteenth Street.

Dear Old Santa:—This is my first letter to you, so I hope, dear Santa, you will bring me what I want, for I'm so good and not bothering you like the rest did. I want a rubber doll, a pair of silk stockings, a doll buggy, a little coal bucket and shovel, a coffee grinder and lots of good candy and nuts. Bring the rest of our family something nice. We live at 1437 Summit street. I am a good girl. Goodbye.

JESSIE MAE LEONARD.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy. I live at 32 West Grace street, New Boston. I want you to bring me an engine and cars that run on a track, and a gun and a French harp and rubber ball and drum and horn, lots of peanuts and candy and oranges, and don't forget my little sister Opal and little brother Harry. I am a good little boy and will go to bed early.

From your little friends,
Irvin, Opal and Harry Graham.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I will write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am two years old. Please bring me a doll, a cart to ride her in, a little cradle, a set of blocks, a ball, a pair of shoes, a little chair for my doll and one for myself and don't forget my little nephew Irvin, he is just my age. He wants a hobby horse, a horn, a ball and a little wagon and a ring please, bring us a Christmas tree and plenty of candy, nuts and fruit. We will both be good. You will find us at 202 Galvin avenue, New Boston. Your little friends,

Jessie and Irvin Sutton.

60c Paris Garters, fancy boxes, 39c. The Salvage.

Christmas cigars, domestic and imported, and smoking sets at most reasonable prices. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts. 20-31

HAIR LIP REMOVED

So skillfully was a hair lip removed from the face of Miss Maud Mills, of New Boston, at the Hempstead hospital Thursday that when she is discharged her friends will have to look twice to recognize her. Miss Mills rallied splendidly and will be discharged in a few days.

75c Leather Collar Boxes, 39c. The Salvage.

"Some" Hunter.

Pal Kountz is wearing the ribbons for mallard duck shooting. He shot nine fine ducks at Davis Station Wednesday evening.

Bath robes for gifts at Russell's, 605 Chillicothe. 21-31

Children's books at cost and below. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe. 19-31

BOYS PLAN A SERIES OF THEFTS

(By Associated Press.)
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—A story that was told to the police today started into action Mayor Schaub, who was present at the time. According to Norman Bower, 16, he and three other boys entered into a written agreement to engage in highway robbery during the holiday season. He produced a copy of the agreement and gave the names of his companions. The quartet had already committed one robbery and had others all planned when the police got Bower and he broke down and confessed.

50c Paris Garters, fancy boxes, 39c. The Salvage.

Train Was Wrecked

(By Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Passengers on the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific train that was wrecked last night at Burnside, Ky., arrived here today. Henry Angel, Bremen on the train, was killed and several of the passengers were injured.

Officials of the road are very reticent as to the cause of the wreck.

50c Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, 29c. The Salvage.

Xmas cigars at Freund's Drug Store. 13-10

PREMIER IS AMBITIOUS

(By United Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 21.—A report from Shanghai says that Yuan Shi Kai, the premier of China, will agree to the establishment of a Chinese republic if he is made the first president. It is said that the revolutionists have agreed to this.

Dressed turkeys, chickens, geese and rabbits for Christmas at Muller Bros., 611 Chillicothe St. 21-31

HAD THRILL AT MARIETTA

(By Associated Press.)
Marietta, Dec. 21.—That the destruction of a bank building here some years ago may have been caused by the McNamara's is being discussed here. The matter will be looked into. John McNamara had charge of a strike here at the time, it is said.

Toilet sets, mirrors, shaving sets and collar and cuff boxes at a great discount. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts. 19-31

After The Bankers

(By Associated Press.)

Columbus, Dec. 21.—Criminal prosecution of the Ohio State Bankers' Association was urged today by State Insurance Commissioner Edward U. Moore, in a communication to Attorney General Hogan and to the prosecuting attorney of Franklin county.

Moore alleges that the Bankers' Association is doing a life insurance business in Ohio without a license.

Don't forget that case of Portsmouth Beer for Christmas dinner. Call both phones 34. 21-31

Sprained His Wrist.

Paul Heston of Lincoln street, while at work at the steel plant Thursday morning, sprained his right wrist quite painfully.

50c Ties in fancy boxes, 19c. The Salvage.

The best books for Christmas for boys, girls and grown-ups are found at Sellors' Book Store, 414 Chillicothe Street. 19-4

On Legal Business.

Attorney Henry T. Bannan went to Columbus Thursday on some legal matters concerning the N. & W.

Home For A Square Meal

Milton Davidson has arrived home from Chicago to get a few square meals before the first of the year. He is employed by the Thomas Moulding Company and is the city salesman for this firm in Chicago.

75c Leather Card Cases, 44c. The Salvage.

On Company Business.

L. A. Treudley of the bureau of development of the B. & O. S. W., with headquarters in Cincinnati, was here on company business Thursday.

Do You Have Pains Here?

Your liver is torpid and congested. Schenck's Mandrake Pills afford great relief. One fair trial will convince you of their curative properties for stomach, liver and bilious disorders. Wholly vegetable and absolutely harmless. Main or sugar coated, 25c a box. Sold everywhere. Send postal for our free medical book and learn to prescribe for yourself.

Dr. J. H. SCHENCK & SON, Phila., Pa.

PEACE OUTLOOK NOT BRIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—The outlook for peace in China is considered very dim on account of the positive refusal of Premier Yuan Shi Kai to consent to the establishment of a republic, as told in dispatches from Peking today. An early resumption of hostilities is expected.

American naval officers in Chinese waters were notified this afternoon to be prepared to protect the lives and property of foreigners.

The finest line of Standard reliable fountain pens, no fake pens. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts. 20-31

KICKED BY A COLT

Elza Cook, a Dry Run farmer, was kicked by a colt directly under the nose Wednesday evening. His upper lip was badly cut and split, causing a very painful injury.

"Sugar Bowl" candies at 31 West Second Street. 20-3

Has Good Job. Edgar Dotson, of West Sixth street, who has been employed at Alvin Fry of Market street, has taken a fine position with the B. the Adams Express company, has & O. railroad, going to work for resigned his position and will take the company Thursday morning, up his old work as carpenter.

Christmas Troubles Solved

Christmas time usually presents a certain amount of needless worry and strain—what shall I give her, him, them?—Something appropriate that will be appreciated.

All gifts of course should be appreciated, no matter how small—that's Christmas spirit—yet when you combine something useful with an appropriate gift, you are doubly sure that it will please, that it will be used, and that there will linger around it remembrances that are dear to you.

Here's the Solution

A G. & S. Neverbreak Correct Height Wardrobe Trunk is an Inexpensive, Useful and Lasting gift. Nearly everybody has use for a good Wardrobe Trunk because of its systematic packing facilities.

Come in and look them over, whether you are ready to buy or not. We know you will appreciate the many good features, and you will be astonished at the price.

ON SALE AT

The Salvage

\$14.75 FOR THIS WARDROBE TRUNK COMPLETE

TWO TWENTY CHILICOTHE STREET

Morse and Lowney's Candies in Christmas Packages

Fine cigars suitable for presents—best standard brands—nice fresh stock. Buy your gifts here.

RED CROSS PHARMACY

Seventh and Chillicothe Sts.

The Lord Loveth A Cheerful Giver At Christmas Time

When he opens his heart and gives away all his profits and part of the cost on his merchandise just to be generous to his friends.

How is he or they going to pay their rent and other expenses connected with selling merchandise without some profit?

Does the average reader of daily papers believe such advertising?

Five years ago we came to Portsmouth. We are still here selling

\$15 AND \$20 SUITS and OVERCOATS

Honestly made by Union Tailors, with the label in it.

Everybody knows us. We are strictly one price. We charge you a legitimate profit. We don't advertise sales every week a different one. We sell our Suits and Overcoats on their merit and make. We are satisfied with a small profit.

If you want a Suit or Overcoat for Father, Brother or Sweetheart, come to us and we will save you \$5.00.

Suits and Overcoats pressed free for one year.

Christmas Neckwear

Fancy Gold Headed Umbrellas

Fancy Mufflers, Silk Hose, Silk Handkerchiefs

Fancy Combination Sets 50c to \$1.50

New Idea Clothing Co

AL HAMMEL, Manager 306 CHILICOTHE ST.

You Only Have Two More Shopping Days Until Old Santa Claus Arrives on the Scene! The Big Question Is Are You Ready For Him?

Everybody has some few things to purchase between now and Saturday night and we all have a few things to sell too. So come to Marting's and you will find plenty to choose from.

FURS MAKE EXCELLENT GIFTS

And are always acceptable by the ladies. Especially these good ones that can be found at this big fur department. Come and get yours here.

CHILDREN'S COATS

Selling at reduced prices. Make excellent gifts.

\$5.00 Coats for	\$3.98
\$6.50 Coats for	\$4.98
\$7.50 Coats for	\$5.98
\$8.50 Coats for	\$6.98
\$10.00 Coats for	\$7.98

25c to 50c Novelty Xmas Articles such as Hat Pin Holders, Menu Pads, Trinket Boxes, etc., covered with flowered materials for only 10c each. One entire table next to the elevator filled full of these nobby Xmas articles.

Children's Umbrellas at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Excellent values in good wearing covers with substantial handles that will give satisfactory service. Make an Xmas gift.

HANDKERCHIEFS ARE SELLING FAST

Patterns are now here that won't be Saturday night so come tomorrow and make your Xmas selection. Price 1c to \$1.00 each

TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS FOR XMAS GIFTS. It's one of the best and most appreciated gifts you can give for Xmas, and this stock is the most complete one we have ever shown for Xmas buying. Come and buy these good linens.

NEW PATTERNS IN FOULARD SILKS ARE HERE

Each day this week we have received a few patterns, making the stock exceptionally large at present for Christmas buying. Come and get a pattern.

We're selling hundreds of Gingham Dress Patterns to be used as Xmas gifts. Why? Because they are useful and then our assortment is just right, all the new spring patterns being here.

The Marting Bros. Company
Opposite Postoffice
12-14-16 West Sixth Street



THE CHRISTMAS STORE FOR MEN

MEN'S FURNISHINGS ARE PRACTICAL GIFTS THAT EVERY MAN APPRECIATES

Select his gift from the largest and best stock of Men's Furnishings in the city. Every article we offer is new and up-to-the-very-minute in style. The gift is sure to be right when purchased at our store. Most men come to us when they buy furnishings for their own use.



A Fancy Vest would be appreciated by most any man.



Give Him Shirts for a gift. You would make no mistake.

HALL BROS.
THE MEN'S STORE MASONIC TEMPLE



Practical Gifts For Men

Suits	\$8.00 to \$30.00
Overcoats	\$10.00 to \$30.00
Raincoats	\$5.00 to \$18.00
Smoking Jackets	\$4.00 to \$10.00
Lounging Robes	\$4.00 to \$10.00
Fancy Vests	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Coats Sweaters	50c to \$5.00
Cardigan Jackets	\$2.00 to \$5.00
Trousers	\$1.00 to \$6.00

If you do not know the size of garment desired we would likely know, however, we will exchange any article purchased after Christmas Day.



Why not a Hat? All men wear them and of course would gladly receive one.



Underwear and Hosiery, either one, would make very practical presents.

HALL BROS.
THE BOYS' STORE MASONIC TEMPLE

SANTA "SWAMPS" THE POSTOFFICE

"Shop early!" cried the merchant, for the trains, but there were still "Shop early!" begged the shop stacks and stacks of packages, yet to be put up for delivery.

"All shop early!" said the lady. Two extra clerks and four extra carriers have been put to work since the rush began last Monday, but still the packages of those who cried "Shop early," are yet to be brought in.

"Have you watched the mail carrier this week as he trudged along, bent and stooped with the heavy mail he is carrying? And if he happens to have a bad on his face or the plow, he's in a 'dickens' of a fix."

"Have you thought of him in your busy preparations for Christmas? high and solid near the delivery mail he is carrying? And if he would be easily convinced of that fact if you were allowed behind the doors of the Portsmouth postoffice. A Times reporter walked in without being invited this afternoon, and there was a bewildering array of packages and mail sacks. How she passed in a package addressed after row of mail matter was ready to "be here."

"My goodness, that much?" Gen. I wish I had sent him a silk handkerchief.

"Yes, ma'am, we'll send it off safe today."

"Oh, yes, I can read the address all right."

And so on, and so on.

What a task it is to get the Christmas packages out in time for the delivery window and one who is not disappointed with the work will say or the plow, he's in a "dickens' of a fix."

the work had not been so heavy, but from now until Saturday night he expected the number of pieces and pounds to exceed that of last year.

"There were a few who remembered the mail man and mailed early," said Mr. Thomas, but from the looks of the postoffice the Times reporter thought no one had mailed anything until today.

Postoffice? Well, I should say there were a few. Did you send some? If you didn't, you had better do it, because if you don't the mail carrier will not have anything to do before Christmas.

Dressed turkeys, chickens, geese and rabbits for Christmas at Muller Bros., 611 Chillicothe St.

50c Ties in fancy boxes, 10c. The Salvage.

Fine Bowler In the City

A dapper looking fellow walked into the Play House Thursday morning and began to bowl. A fair sized crowd was in attendance, and it was soon noted about that the gentleman had bowled up three strikes. An all-Journalist was then made for the alley, where the unknown bowler, who is considered one of the best bowlers in the city, rolled up a score of 230. Of course onlookers thought it was a feat, and some very nervous fellow suggested that the stranger try his luck again. He then knung his 211 score, and came right back with 203, his three games totaling 649.

It was learned that the roller was none other than James McKeon, particular friend of William Morford, manager of the alley, and who is considered one of the best bowlers in the city. He is traveling for the Morford Store Company, and this is the first time he has been in Portsmouth for fourteen years. He is expected to meet some of the crack bowlers this evening.

A lot of men wear only Redepinning clothes. Redepinning, the tailor, opposite Columbia theatre, 19-41.

Don't forget that case of Portsmouth Beer for Christmas dinner. Call both phones 94. 21-31.

Football Team

Sciotoville, O., Dec. 21.—Editor Times.—I beg to present to you the football team that I think would be the best in the country, running up strength, speed, grit and all. Line-up as follows:

Wuest, r. e.; Gatch, r. t.; Hackenschmidt, r. g.; Morris, c.; Jeffries, l. g.; Burns, l. t.; Flynn, l. e.; Wolgast, q. b.; Langford, l. b.; Johnson, f. b.; Kaufman, r. h.

By giving this team two or three weeks of good hard training it could beat any team in the country. Hoping to have this line-up published, I remain

A TRUE FAN.
75c Ties Boxed Fancy, 30c. The Salvage.

The base ball game coupon will be found on Page 4, first column. First 1,000 get the free game.

The Bismarck Will Open

"The Bismarck" is the name to be given Julius Arbogast's new cafe that he expects to open on Gallia street, Saturday afternoon. The fixtures have arrived and the new front will probably be here early Friday morning. The saloon will be one of the finest in southern Ohio, and Mr. Arbogast will no doubt secure his share of patronage. He proposes to serve a "merchandise dinner," which will prove quite an innovation. A new hard wood floor has been laid, the walls and ceiling frescoed, while the marble finish to be given all the furnishings will make an unusually beautiful contrast.

The front will be entirely of art glass, different from anything in the city.

MR. WILLIAMS SAYS HE BOUGHT AS INVESTMENT

Because Grant Williams Thursday purchased 340 feet of ground in New Boston from Thomas Conley and two forty foot lots from J. D. York, a rumor gained currency that the Excelsior Shoe company would build a branch plant in that village.

The report was promptly discredited by Mr. Williams, who bought the land as an investment and immediately after coming in to possession of it he turned it over to H. A. Bierley to sell. The ground is located on the Chillicothe pike and immediately east of the building erected by the late Pat Conley.

\$20.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$9.85. The Salvage.

Xmas candies at Freund's Drug Store, 13-10.

Buyers Farm. A deal whereby T. G. Jewett adds to his large holdings in real estate was recently made when he bought of A. E. and Henry Briggs a tract of 28 acres, comprising a part of the Noel farm, in the Scioto bottoms, north of this city. The consideration was \$1,000.

Mufflers, scarf pins, tie clasps, all fine for gifts. Russell's, 505 Chillicothe. 21-31.

BIG DEAL AT NEW BOSTON

The recording of a deed late Wednesday brought to light a big deal in real estate, whereby William T. Hart, a New Boston merchant, became the owner of a half interest with J. J. Brunsart, in the 26 lots comprising the new Lakeside addition, situated between Millbrook park lake and the fair grounds.

15c Silk Lined Handkerchiefs, 75c. The Salvage.

Killed In A Poker Game

Thomas J. Saulsbury, who was killed in a poker game near Vauclenburg, Ky., Tuesday night, was a resident of Carter county. He was the son of William Saulsbury and was born at Aden, Ky. Last night the Times received a telephone message from Chas. Saulsbury in this city, stating that he was a cousin of Thomas Saulsbury, but he had heard nothing of the killing of his cousin except what he had seen in the Times.

"Sugar Bowl" candies at 31 West Second Street. 20-3

Razor strops and lather brushes at Freund's. 13-10

N. & W. Officials In Cincinnati

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21. General Superintendent George P. Johnson, Western General Division, James Field, W. Va., and Superintendent J. T. Carey, Toledo Division, Portsmouth, Ohio, of the Norfolk and Western, paid a flying visit to Cincinnati yesterday. They looked over the ground on which the new freight depot in Norwood will be located.

Don't forget that case of Portsmouth Beer for Christmas dinner. Call both phones 94. 21-31

Get News Of Robbery

The police received word on Thursday of a robbery committed at H. E. Pries's jewelry store in Springfield, O. About \$200 worth of jewelry was taken.

\$1.00 Excelsior Shoes, \$2.95. The Salvage.

Have New Son. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hickman, of near South Webster, have a fine new son at their home, who arrived Wednesday.

Dressed turkeys, chickens, geese and rabbits for Christmas at Muller Bros., 611 Chillicothe street. 13-10

If Your Head Aches

You should take the Sure Remedy. HICKS' CAPUDINE. There's a cure for every headache. Capudine makes them go away quickly, whether it be cold, cold, grippe, stomach trouble, and even, even though it be sick or nervous headache. Capudine is the surest remedy for colds and grippe. Feverishness, Aches and Nervousness disappear and normal condition is restored. Capudine is Equal, easy and pleasant to take. Get it immediately. 10c, 25c and 50c at drug stores.

SCHWARTZ'S HIGH GRADE CLOTHING

For men is tailored right here in Portsmouth by skilled tailors—Cut and fitted by an expert cutter and fitter.

This is the reason Schwartz clothes are so entirely satisfactory and have that style superiority not attainable in ordinary clothes. \$30 to \$45 for Suits and Overcoats in the newest shades and weaves.

SCHWARTZ
Heart of Portsmouth.
Fourth and Chillicothe Sts.

FREE CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR 1,000 CHILDREN

THE TIMES wants to make it a Merry Christmas to as many of its little friends as possible. To this end it will give the first 1,000 of them.

THE FIRESIDE BASE BALL GAME

An interesting toy, just as exciting as the real game itself and can be played by one or more on a side.

The only condition is that you cut out the coupon to be printed in Thursday's paper and present it at THE TIMES office among the first thousand on Friday at 7 o'clock in the morning.

Remember

You cannot get a game without a Coupon. The Coupon will be printed Thursday. You must come on Friday after the hour mentioned. Only 1,000 games are to be given away and they cost you absolutely nothing.

THE TIMES office is at Front and Canal streets.

CATLETTSBURG SCENE OF A ROBBERY

Catlettsburg, Ky., Dec. 21.—Quite a sensational robbery case occurred last night near the Public Landing on Center street, when Andrew Robinson was slugged and robbed of about \$20 in money and other belongings, that were on his person. Just what time it occurred no one knows, and the condition of the victim of the affair is such that he has been able to give a very disconnected account of it.

Robinson was found lying on the ground in an unconscious state shortly before daylight, having several severe wounds on his head, one of which may yet prove to be fatal. Robinson's skull is said to have been fractured and should he recover it is feared he will be insane.

When you think of books, think of Reilly's. For over fifty years we have had the best stock of best books in Portsmouth. This year is no exception, but better than ever. W. W. Reilly & Company, Opposite Postoffice. 21-3

EDITORS WERE GIVEN JOBS

Up in the neighboring town of Ironton the newspaper men seem to have a hankering for the flesh pots of politics. Editor Harry Paul of the Morning Irontonian is the clerk of the city council while Editor John Corns of the Register, has been named as director of public service under the incoming administration.

The new Ironton administration certainly ought to have the influence of the press thrown in its favor.

50c. President Suspenders, 39c. The Salvage.

Bailey Post Is To Meet

There will be a regular meeting of Bailey Post Friday evening, Dec. 22, at 7 o'clock. This being the last meeting in 1911 let us close the year with a full attendance.

C. Milslead, Commander, W. H. Williams, Adjutant.

Don't forget that case of Portsmouth Beer for Christmas dinner. Call both phones 94. 21-3t

UNION NAMES OFFICERS

The following officers were elected Tuesday night by local union 555 of Painters and Paper Hangers, to serve for the ensuing year:

President, Ernest Long.
Vice President, V. E. Martin.
Financial Secretary, Earl Cunningham.
Recording Secretary, Charles Grace.
Treasurer, Thomas Varnell.
Warden, Ross Campbell.
Conductor, F. B. Miller.
Trustee, M. D. Cunningham.

The next meeting will be held the second of January in the Central Labor Union hall.

Auto stop, Durham: Duplex & Gillette razors at Friend's. 13-10

SNOW PLOWS OUT.
Wichita Falls, Kan., Dec. 21.—Snow plows were ordered out in Texas today, with two feet of snow on the level along the Pan Handle route of the Ft. Worth & Denver railroad.

Preceded by heavy rains, the blizzard appeared to be traveling due southeast, at about 20 miles an hour. It reached here today, when rain began changing into snow.

Leather goods, music rolls, home and hill books, fine gift goods. Corner Book Store, 2nd & Chillicothe Sts. 19-11

Card of Thanks.
We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their sympathetic and loving kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. We also wish to thank them for the many beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we wish to thank the singers for the beautiful selections rendered, also the sisters for their comforting words.—Mrs. Robert White and Mr. and Mrs. James White.



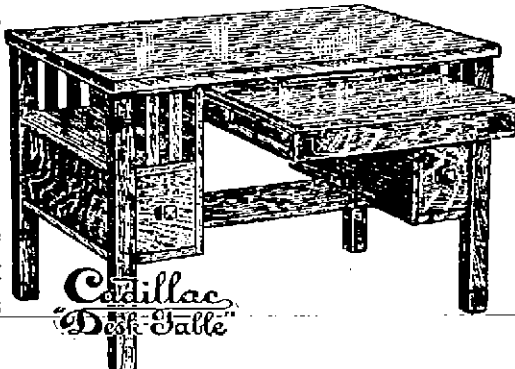
HORCHOW'S SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DISCOUNT

LASTS ONLY
TWO DAYS LONGER!

OUR STOCK HAS BEEN GONE OVER AND PRICES CUT WITHOUT HESITATION. ON TOP OF OUR REGULAR CASH DISCOUNT WE HAVE PUT A STILL HEAVIER ONE, AND THERE ARE ONLY TWO DAYS MORE IN WHICH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR UNEXCELLED OFFERS. ALTHOUGH IT IS LATE, WE STILL HAVE ON OUR FLOORS SOME FINE, BIG VALUES IN ALL FURNITURE LINES, AND REMEMBER THAT ALL PRICES HAVE BEEN CUT TO THE BONE. WE NEVER HAVE OFFERED SUCH BARGAINS BEFORE. BELOW ARE A FEW OF OUR SPECIAL BARGAINS.

TABLES OF BEAUTY

You surely haven't overlooked the great gift-giving possibilities of our big line of tables. Every time the recipient sits down to a meal the giver is thought of. An articles of utility and of beauty—that means any of our tables.



Library Tables of Quality

If it's here, it's right. You can't make a mistake by buying a beautiful table from us. We have the Cadillac Desk-Table (see cut). Money can't buy anything better. This is the last call to see tables in every finish and price. Don't wait! Come now!

TABLES -- AT \$8.75 AND UP TO \$45.00 -- TABLES

GO-CARTS



Will you look here? We've never shown so complete a line of doll-carts as this year. A cart to suit every girl. Come and see our DOLL CARTS. They range from 98c to \$8.00



MEN, Get your wife one of these Bissell Sweepers. Labor-savers, time-conservers, carpet life-prolongers. Can you afford to let your wife be without one? We hope not. Prices within the reach of all. A Christmas gift par-excellence.

THE VERY THING



that any woman would like to have. We handle the Sellers Cabinet than which no better is made. Make her happy with a kitchen cabinet. Prices \$7.00 to \$35.00.

CHILDREN'S FURNITURE

We make a specialty of children's furniture, and we give this department attention just as careful as that we give the grown-ups. Just bring the children in and let them see this magnificent array of Christmas goods, arranged exclusively for them. Christmas is the children's day. Remember them.

Tables, Chairs, Beds, Dressers, Sleds, Racers, Autos

Let Our Frame Department Frame Your Pictures

The Sam'l. Horchow Company

42-44 GALLIA STREET

NEW OFFICE ROOMS ARE READY

The office rooms just recently built over the Ohio Valley bank in the Brushhart building, at Sixth and Chillicothe streets, are to be occupied by Musser & Pake, Prosecuting Attorney Horace L. Small, The Letter Shop, owned by Orin B. Onken, which is now located in the Masonic Temple. The offices are among the best equipped in the city. Mr. Small has been having his office in the Turkey building.

\$1.50 Pair "Gloves, 98c. The Salvage.

THEATRICAL

Christmas Show.
On Christmas, matinee and night at the Grand opera house. The musical comedy success of last season from coast to coast will be presented by B. M. Garfield, "The Candy Girl," a show we know to be good. Last season the show had to win fame, and lost money to get the show before the public. This season it has the reputation of being just what the management says it is, a first-class \$2.00 show at popular prices; every detail exact to the minute and not overlooked. "The Candy Girl" went to the road this season and in every town they have asked for a return date.

The Blue Mouse.
To hear little Wanda Ludlow "pull off" the slangiest slang as "The Blue Mouse" is a revelation to her friends who have heretofore known her as a demure, thing. It was for this same demureness and charm of manner that the late Clyde Fitch, author of this sensational farce, selected her for the rather difficult part. Known as the "Blue Mouse," Paulette Divine, a dancer, for \$2,000 a month, undertakes to impersonate the real Mrs. Rollett, whose husband is secretary to Lowellyn, president of the Interstate railroad, and who wants to be promoted to division superintendent. The whole story of the farce, which at times might become a bit suggestive, has been so cleverly handled by Mr. Fitch as to call forth this comment by Charles Darenton, the well known dramatic editor of the New York Evening World: "It was as simple and above board as Rector's with all Broadway staring through the windows." It is with an excellent cast that Mr. J. L. Carpenter will present the play here for the first time December 28 at the Grand opera house, night only.

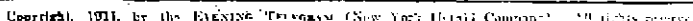
Al. G. Field.
In the eighties, at the beginning twenty-six years ago, Al. G. Field established a code of laws governing his minstrels that have been in full force since. There was not many sections or chapters to the code—just something like this: "Nothing of a coarse or vulgar nature tolerated in this organization. You must conform to this or you cannot go on." This rule caused for the organization from a certain class the appellation of the "Sunday School Show." Instead of repudiating the newly imposed title, Mr. Field declared he was proud of it. The code has been maintained all the years since. Today thousands of persons who rarely attend a theatrical performance of any kind greet the Al. G. Field Greater Minstrels in every community which is proof positive that it pays to cater to decency. This attraction will be at the Grand December 27, night only.

Fatty Felix.
Henry W. Link's "Fatty Felix" company, which will hold the boards at the Grand opera house for one night December 29, is built on lines entirely at variance with all other similar real attractions. Instead of being composed of one or two principal members, usually characterized as stars, this attraction is composed of a list of people of a superlative degree of comparative ability, who vie with one another for supremacy to make you laugh from start to finish. Plenty of good singing and dancing, guaranteed a please or money back after first act. What more can one ask?

Bierley Is Agent.
The Chillicothe News-Advertiser says that Lewis Bierley has accepted the agency for the Hummable and the 1912 model can now be seen at the Warner House.

DOINGS OF AMATEURS

DAMON AND PYTHIAS THEY DABBLE IN THE SLEUTH BUSINESS,
BUT ALAS! POOR YORICK



Baseball Story

100

ARM PINCHED OFF BY CARS

Enacting the role of a substitute brakeman proved costly Thursday morning to Robert Shoemaker, a well known young man, of South Webster.

In making a coupling on an N. & W. train near Breeden, W. Va., his right arm was caught between the bumpers and was pinched off above the elbow. It was done so nearly that the physician who attended Shoemaker had very little work to do aside from stopping the flow of blood. Shoemaker, who will have a very sad Christmas, is only 23 years of age. He was taken to the N. & W. hospital in Williamson, where he will likely remain until Saturday.

His engine had just been cut loose from the rest of the train and was taking water when a signal was given to make the coupling. According to Shoemaker, he failed to get the signal, and when the crash came he was caught between the engine and the cut of cars. He had a close call from being crushed to death. The train was in charge of Engineer Jackson and Conductor Cyrus, who deeply deplore the fate that befell Shoemaker. The

WATCH YOUR HAIR, LADIES

Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Luxuriant and Radiant Hair.

If dandruff germs are devouring the nourishment that belongs to the hair it will soon begin to fall. Furthermore it will lose its life and lustre and will become dull, faded and even look closely.

If you have any signs of dandruff you ought to go right to your druggist today and get a bottle of PARISIAN SAGE. This delightful and refreshing hair tonic is guaranteed by Warner Bros. to kill dandruff germs, clean head of filthy dandruff, stop falling hair and itching scalp or money back. And it does just what it is guaranteed to do, and that's why its sales are so enormous the country over. PARISIAN SAGE is the favorite of refined women. One bottle proves its superiority.

A RECORD IN COAL

According to word received at local N. & W. division headquarters, the N. & W. broke all previous records yesterday in dumping coal at Lambert's Point. Over 31,700 tons were dumped, which is 5,000 tons more than was ever dumped before.

The celebrated John Holland Fountain Pens, suitable for Xmas presents. All prices at Schloess Book Store, 414 Chillicothe St. 13-4

Man Accused Of Theft Is Set Free

THE KING OF MINSTRELS



AL. G. FIELDS
Who will be at the Grand Opera House with his premier organization next Wednesday evening only.

Sherman Barker, the Kentucky farmer youth, brought back here from Ashland to answer to a charge of robbing Harry Jones, a brakeman, was dismissed by Mayor Searey Thursday morning.

James failed to appear against Barker and as the alleged robbery was committed on Dec. 13th, the mayor decided he had no right to hold the young man any longer for after all it was up to Jones to make a case against him. Barker himself denied, even knowing Jones let alone robbing him. He had merely taken an evening meal at the boarding house where the robbery was said to have occurred. He supposed that Jones framed up the story as an excuse that he had no money left with which to pay his board bill. Jones claimed to have been relieved of his \$45 watch and \$17. Barker assured the court he would come in any time he was wanted. He was given transportation back to Ashland on the packet Greyhound.

Harry Gottlieb, a dress goods peddler, arrested on complaint of getting abusive with Mill street women, was fined \$4.50.

Frank Schaefer, a plain drinker, drew \$4.80. He is a mouder and found himself minus a hat after court. He said he had bought a new one only Tuesday night.

"You bought a jag, too, but you haven't got it now," quickly retorted Police Clerk Goodmaster. The mayor directed Schaefer to go to his home and Mrs. Searey would supply him with one of his discarded "stiff knies."

Two Negroes Are Arrested

Two strange negroes caught loitering about town Thursday were taken into custody by Officer Stokely. They claimed to have just arrived from Columbus and were here hunting work. They were released with a warning to quit loafing and go to work or leave town.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
Are tonic in action, quick in results. A special medicine for all kidney and bladder disorders. Mrs. Sam Jones, Portsmouth, Ohio, says, "My kidneys were in bad shape for a long time making me suffer a great deal. I felt tired and worn out and the kidney action was irregular and painful. I started taking Foley Kidney Pills and in the course of a few weeks was completely cured of all backache and pains. My kidneys are again natural and regular in action. Foley Kidney Pills have my highest recommendation for they cured me very promptly." For sale by The Fisher & Streich Pharmacy.

\$4.00 Excelsior Shoes, \$2.98. The Salvage.

Compromised By Paying \$20

The case of Rom Sheppard, against Fred Jones, which was to have been tried before Judge Womack in Greenup Tuesday, was compromised by Jones paying Mr. Sheppard \$20 and the costs of the case. Jones was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

The base ball game coupon will be found on Page 4, first column. First 1,000 get the free game.

Santa Claus Brings Baby

Santa Claus brought a pretty little baby daughter to Earl Sly and wife of No. 140 East Front street early Thursday morning.

Don't forget that case of Portsmouth Beer for Christmas dinner. Call both phones 94. 21-3t

I Wish You All A Merry Xmas

Fancy Baskets 50c
1 lb. New Mixed Nuts 15c
Candies 10, 12 1/2, 16c

Oranges, Bananas, Apples, Grapes, Candies, Nuts, Oysters, Celery, Cranberries, Turkeys, Chickens, Butter and Eggs and all kinds of groceries at correct prices. Give us a call.

J. J. BRUSHART
THE CASH GROCER

Jealous Negro Cuts His Rival's Overcoat

Frank Brown, colored singer and dancer with the Uncle Tom's Cabin show, spending his holidays here, was the victim of a near-cutting affray Wednesday evening.

According to Brown jealousy was the sole motive for the unwarranted attack made upon him. He had simply gone out into the North End to mingle with people of his own race. He was engaged in conversation with a man and his wife and a young woman when a man he afterwards learned was Kid Reynolds deliberately leaped up against him almost

knocking him off his feet. Some words ensued during which Reynolds and his companions pointedly told him they did not like him and the others of the show crowd and would "get" him. They rushed towards him, one throwing a whiskey bottle which fell at his feet. He took to his heels seeking refuge in Jon Dill's saloon but before he could get inside Reynolds had slit his fine overcoat in several places and beat him about the face. Brown swore out a warrant Thursday for the arrest of Reynolds who was one of the crap shooters caught in a raid a week or so ago.

My Doctor Said

"Try Cardui," writes Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I was in a very low state of health, and was not able to be up and tend to my duties. I did try Cardui, and soon began to feel better. I got able to be up and help do my housework. I continued to take the medicine, and now I am able to do my housework and to care for my children, and I feel as though I could never praise Cardui enough for the benefits I have received."

TAKE The CARDUI Woman's Tonic

Cardui is successful, because it is made especially for women, and acts specifically on the womanly constitution. Cardui does one thing, and does it well. That explains the great success which it has had, during the past 50 years, in helping thousands of weak and ailing women back to health and happiness.

If you are a woman, feel tired, dull, and are nervous, cross and irritable, it's because you need a tonic. Why not try Cardui? Cardui builds, strengthens, restores, and acts in every way as a special, tonic remedy for women. Test it for yourself. Your druggist sells Cardui. Ask him.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chas. H. Johnson & Co., Chas. H. Johnson, Tenn. for Special Literature, and 44-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," post free. J. 25

Any Man Who Buys A Pound Will Buy Another

We believe that most men are connoisseurs on candy, for we have noticed that when a man buys a pound of

Morse's Famous Chocolates

he always comes back and buys more. Men tell us that our chocolates are certainly the very best kind of chocolates to take home. You'll say so too when you take home a box of Morse's unexcelled chocolates. They certainly will delight every woman be she wife, sweetheart or mother. "There is nothing for you to do but to try a box today."

We have them in 1/2's, 1's, 2's, 3's and 5 pounds.

The Pure Drugs Co.

TWO STORES
Eleventh and Hutchins. Turley Building
JOHN E. RAPP, Manager.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

A pair of Christmas Slippers right in the top of the stocking would delight any man, woman, boy or girl Christmas morning.

Slippers mean foot comfort all the year around.

Men's Slippers
Opera, Everett and Romeo styles in Black or Tan; also Felt Slippers in Opera and Nullifiers.

Women's Slippers
House Slippers in all shades of Felt. Slippers for Dress Functions in Satin, Suedes, Velvet and Patents. Silk Hose too.

45 Gallia **FRANK J. BAKER** SLIPPER SOLES
The Sleepless Shoeman

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Toilet sets, brush and comb sets, manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, photograph albums. A large line to select from at Schloess Book Store, 414 Chillicothe Street. 19-4

For Your Baby's Sake

buy a WAGNER Quick Folding Go-Cart.

We have in stock a full line of new models. Come in and examine them. The WAGNER is the standard cart made. Built on graceful lines, beautifully finished in nickel and enamel, upholstered in best quality leatherette.

It is easy and comfortable for the child in any position. Safe, sturdy springs - it can't tip backward. Safety brake holds cart anywhere when left alone. The WAGNER is the standard cart made. Built on graceful lines, beautifully finished in nickel and enamel, upholstered in best quality leatherette.

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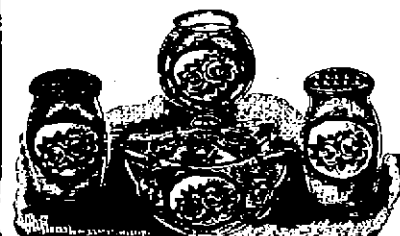
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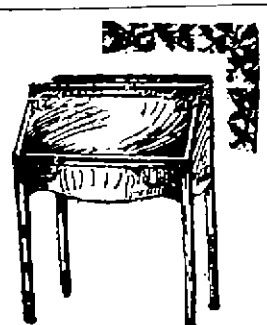
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Well constructed in every respect. Ideal for a Xmas present.

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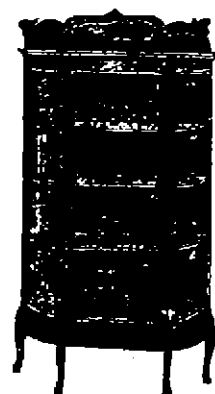
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\$12.75 Up

A fine China Closet will make a most appropriate present for your wife on Xmas.

Bring her in and both of you look over our stocks—and you will be able to make a good selection.

She will surely be delighted with a fine China Closet for Xmas.

SAYS MARTHA ROBBED HIM

Bill Johnson, a junkman, unfolded a tale of woe to the police Thursday morning.

Johnson said his former sweetheart, Martha Dowdy, had badly confiscated his horse and wagon and that her son came into his sunny and covering him with a gun relieved him of all the money he had. Officer Stokely will investigate.

Fountain pens at Freund's Drug Store. 13-10

Must Hasten Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bellamy of Hammond, Ind., who came here to spend Christmas with Mr. Bellamy's brother, Judge Bellamy and his sister, Mrs. Sarah Lewis and other relatives, received a telegram this morning asking him to report for duty in Indiana. Mr. Bellamy is general foreman of the Monon railroad.

Walter M. Phillips, 819 Chillicothe St., will frame your pictures cheaper than anyone in the city. 11-4

Hand Is Mashed.

John, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, of Miller's Run, met with a painful accident Wednesday evening by getting his right hand badly mashed while unloading wood at his home.

Packing Tobacco.

Workmen for Simon Labold began packing a large shipment of tobacco this morning, which he has had stored in his warehouse on West Front street.

Perfumes and toilet waters in Xmas packages at Freund's. 13-10

Cleaning Up The City.

A force of men was put to work Thursday cleaning West Third street. A number of streets are to be cleaned in order to give the city a fine appearance for the holiday season.

\$20.00 Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$9.85. The Salvage.

W. C. Saunders Promoted

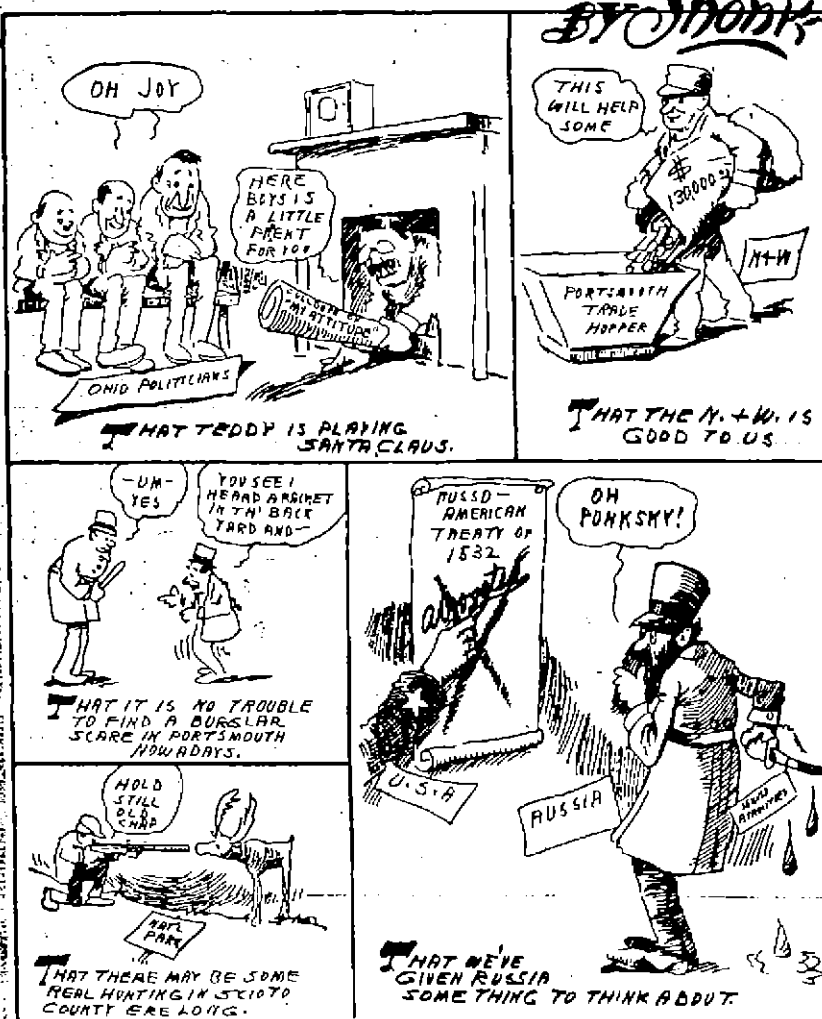
Official announcement reached Portsmouth Thursday of the promotion of W. C. Saunders to assistant general passenger agent of the N. & W. beginning Jan. 1. S. B. Adams, local N. & W. passenger agent, was thoroughly pleased over the good news. He and Mr. Saunders have for years been warm friends and neighbors. The former Mr. Saunders has well merited the promotion by his years of faithful and efficient service.

Mr. Saunders has for years been chief clerk to W. B. Bevil, general passenger agent of the road, and always been one of the most popular men in the service. His headquarters will be at Roanoke.

The reported change of D. E. Spangler, superintendent of transportation of the N. & W. to the C. & O. railway is denied at Roanoke.

Fountain pens at Freund's Drug Store. 13-10

I see By The Times.....



Wandering Bill Takes His Daily Runabout

It's a lead pipe cinch, fellows, a little 'quistive to know the dis Christmas dream. I took amount of cash they separate you from, I popped the question to him what those beunty's were worth. Reelton he was going to make me cough 50a for one, and wouldn't your coin laugh with joy, for Mr. Salvago said they were 19c. How about that bunch over there, says I. Thirty-nine cents, says he. Well, that sum did tickle me ribs, for two would be dirt cheap. There a nice outfit of gals and fellows that are handing out the dope there. I loved that he might be here. Why, he glided me to the place, and shucks, what do you reckon it was? Nothing but a bunch of holiday tye! But, gee, they were pretty. Mr. Salvago just put his all in it up and dere got a lot of peepers into the boot or what ever that is, and I gave myself a sure looks fetching. The Salvago knock down to him, and as I was sure enough a candy place.

Gus Had Attack Of "Tummy" Ache

Gus Brunner, of West Fifth street, thought his time for crossing the dark river had surely come Thursday morning, when he was seized with poisonous poisoning, the result of eating some canned fruit.

Mr. Brunner had retired early in the evening, after devouring an appetizing lunch and expected of course to dream of good old Santa Claus. He awoke with a start at 3 o'clock, feeling as though every one of Santa's reindeers, namely Dunder and Blotter, Dancer and Prancer and their respective mates, were sinking their sharp hoofs deep into his abdomen.

A physician was hastily summoned and he relieved the patient, who while feeling considerably better, is still quite ill and will probably not be as chipper as he usually is during the jolly Yuletide. However, all danger is over.

15c Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 7 1/2c. The Salvago.

Safety Razors at Freund's Drug Store. 13-10

Dressed turkeys, chickens, geese and rabbits for Christmas at Multer Bros., 611 Chillicothe St. 21-3t

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Not just because it "happens so" but because West Virginia Special Export is by all odds most beneficial to the health. It's as good as it tastes. You'll like the flavor, and you'll like the way you are really refreshed, strengthened and NOURISHED by this pure, rich, easy-to-digest Beer. Costs YOU no more than common brews.

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CHLOROFORM IS USED BY NERVY BURGLARS

Robbers chloroformed their victims in raiding the home of Brooks Gowdy, a shoe factory machinist of North Findlay street Wednesday night.

When Gowdy and his wife awoke early Thursday both complained of feeling ill. Each showed the same symptoms and a strange odor seemed to fill the room. Then it dawned upon them they may have been chloroformed. Looking under a pillow they found \$20 and Mrs. Gowdy's gold bracelet missing and they realized it was only too true.

Hastily arising Mr. Gowdy went downstairs and found the missing pocketbook in the hallway but its contents gone. The front room was unlocked and standing partly opened. Entrance must have been gained by means of a duplicate key.

Chief McCarty was at once notified and officers were put to work though they had but a slim clue to follow. Gowdy himself laid off from work for the day to aid the officers in their investigation.

A Dreadful Wound

from a knife, gun, tin can, rusty nail, fireworks, or of any other nature, demands prompt treatment with Bucklen's Arnica Salve to prevent blood poison or gangrene. Its the quickest, surest healer for all such wounds as also for Burns, Boils, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Chapped Hands, Corns, Piles. 25c at The Fisher & Streich Pharmacy.

SELBYS PAY SATURDAY

Joy ran riot at the plant of the Selby Shoe Company Thursday morning, when it was announced the firm would pay off its employees Saturday noon, insuring the big army of workmen their Christmas money. It is said the pay roll will exceed \$17,000, a July sum to be distributed among the merchants of the city.

The plant will close at noon Saturday, and not resume operations until Tuesday morning. It is understood the plant will not observe New Year's day.

Masterson Is Sent To Asylum

Charles Masterson, 36, who was arrested and locked up the other day on suspicion of being guilty of attempting to break into Thornton's saloon was committed to the Athens hospital Thursday by Judge Bently following the hearing in probate court as to his sanity. Masterson has completely lost his reason and his present trouble is attributed to drink. The poor fellow imagines the officers are persecuting him and that enemies are constantly pursuing him.

He worked incessantly throughout the night trying to unscrew the bolts of his cell at the jail. Dr. S. B. McKernan and W. W. Smith were the examining physicians. Masterson was conveyed to the institution this afternoon.

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22K Gold Crowns \$4, \$5
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PLATES THAT FIT and SATISFY

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The kind that don't leak. The guaranteed kind. Each pen has a 14k gold pen point and sells for only \$1.00. The self filler \$1.50. Fancy gold and pearl mounted up to \$6.00.

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FINE GIFT CANDIES

Huyler's, Liggett's and Penway's, all put up in fine gift boxes and baskets.

Don't forget to buy her a big box or basket of good candy for Xmas.

Whatever else you buy her accompany it with some good candy in a Christmas package.

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Gifts For Him.

QUALITY

Domestic and Imported Cigars, fine quality. A box will give him many hours of contentment. If he does not smoke cigars give him a fine big package of tobacco and a Meerschaum pipe.

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Smith & Nixon Pianos
Discontinued styles at a great sacrifice. Don't fail to come in and examine these bargains even if you are not ready to buy. It will pay you.

R. P. Seiler
Only Reliable Home Piano Store.
No. 618 Chillicothe Street.
Expert Tuning and Repairing

New Theatre In Columbus

Columbus, O., Dec. 21—Another theater to be put up in this city, if present plans of the Columbus Amusement Company, of New York are carried out. It will be devoted to burlesque and will cost \$200,000.

—40 Boys' Rubber Coats \$245.
The Salvago.

McNamaras Occupy Prison with the Luxuries of a Sanitarium



THE McNAMARA BROTHERS BETWEEN DEPUTY SHERIFFS ON THE WAY TO SAN QUENTIN PRISON

William P. Sheridan, head of the city treasurer's office, who recently visited San Quentin, found criminals he had known much improved, physically and mentally.

THE SALARY GRAB IS BEATEN BY COUNCIL

The ordinance raising the salary of the city treasurer \$200 annually, was defeated by council at its meeting Wednesday night, by a vote of 4 to 3 when it came to suspending the rules which required a three-fourths vote. Messrs. Cook, Gehres and Osborn voting against a suspension of the rules and Moeller, Gergens, Schenck and Smith for it. Mr. Osborn later precipitated quite a row-up over the ordinance when after a motion had been made and seconded to adjourn, he moved that the ordinance be reconsidered and this carried.

Mr. Osborn on the second vote to suspend switched and voted for suspending the rules on the ordinance but his colleague, Mr. Moeller dropped over to the other side and the motion was lost again by vote of 4 to 3.

After quite a bit of discussion and several votes had been taken some of the members being at a loss to know on just what proposition Mr. Gergens said that the proceeding in reconsidering the ordinance was clearly out of order and illegal and insisted on a vote being taken on Mr. Cook's motion to adjourn until Dec. 29 which was put by the chair and carried.

The ordinance providing that street cleaning shall be let by contract passed on its third reading. The Democrats voting solidly for the measure and the Republican minority against it.

The appointment by Mayor Stacey of Jacob P. Finkel as a member of the health board for a term of five years to succeed himself was confirmed by an unanimous vote.

The Mitchell Mfg. Co. presented a plan for \$50 by reason of having laid it down sidewalk in improving Adams street and asked that the amount be deducted from their assessment. Referred to street committee and engineer.

The bond of Fred N. Tynes, assessor-elect, for \$5000 with the National Surety Co. as surety was approved as were the bonds of John W. Byron and Daniel Shakespeare, justices-elect for \$500 each; Willis Callison, first ward assessor-elect for \$1000 and William Wolfe, John Nien and Albert Pyles, constables-elect for \$500 each.

Judge Frank L. Sikes is the local agent for the National Surety Co. party, which furnished the bond of Mayor Tynes.

Scholar Thomas called attention to the claim of John G. Deebles. Mr. Osborn stated that an appropriation was made several months ago and the money is now in the treasury awaiting presentation of a proper voucher which the library board refuses to issue.

Auditor Goldeman reported on At Fountains & Elsewhere Ask for "HORLICK'S" Malted Milk

The Original and Genuine Malted Milk The Food-drink for All Ages. At restaurants, hotels, and fountains. Delicious, invigorating and sustaining. Keep it on your sideboard at home. Don't travel without it.

A quick lunch prepared in a minute. Take no imitation. Just say "HORLICK'S" Get in Any Milk Trust

Will Keep Open House The Don't Worry Club, a popular West End organization, will keep open house Christmas, and the day will be made a memorable one. The club has just handsomely refurbished its cozy quarters in the Spry block.

Holiday Postcards, 10 for 5c; 5 for 3c; 3 for 5c. Ackley, 81 West Second St. 13-11

WRIST BROKEN BY BALKY AUTO

Dr. H. O. McCall in attempting to crank his automobile on East Ninth street at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening had the misfortune to have his left wrist broken.

The crank "kicked" back on him and it struck his wrist with sufficient force to break both bones. Drs. Williams and Halderman were called and removed Dr. McCall to his home on Gallia street, where his injury, which is exceedingly painful, was dressed. Dr. McCall suffered much pain last night, but he was resting easily today. He has always been careful when cranking his auto and is at a loss to figure how the crank got away from him last night.

More motorists are injured by the cranks of their machines than they are by being thrown out or in collisions.

10c Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 5c. The Salvage.

WILL BE A REGULAR

H. A. Marting, Jr., who is attending Yale, arrived home Thursday from New Haven and will remain until January 4. Next year Mr. Marting will be a regular on Old EB's football team. This year he played in two halves, which did not entitle him to a coveted "Y." A player has to take part in one of the big games to be "initiated."

GO TO SCHISLER & SON

And Buy Your Christmas Meats, Chickens, Ducks, Roasts.

718 John Street Home Phone 1371

The base ball game coupon will be found on Page 4, first column. First 1,000 get the free game.

WET ORATORS ARE ENGAGED

Hon. C. A. Windle and Homer Durand have been engaged to make several speeches in Gallia county during the wet and dry campaign. They will also take part in the campaign to be waged in Washington county, being scheduled to appear in Marietta twice in one week.

Hats and umbrellas for gifts. Russell's, 505 Chillicothe. 21-31

Sprayer Was Big Success

Alex M. Glockner, who during the past year branched out as an apple grower, attributes much of his success to the automatic power sprayer used in his Port Run orchard. To show the wonderful possibilities of the system, Mr. Glockner has just received some interesting data.

Wood to burn at half price, and pyrography outfits. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts. 19-11

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ARTHUR HANNON GOT BIG VERDICT

Ironton, Dec. 21—The jury reported in the case of Arthur Hannon vs. The D. T. and I. Railroad company at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The jury gave their verdict in favor of the plaintiff, Arthur Hannon, in the sum of \$10,000. Hannon said the company for \$50,000, because of injuries sustained in an accident which occurred on Dec. 13th, 1910, and in which accident William Hills, fireman, was killed, and Arthur Hannon, engineer, the plaintiff in the present suit, lost his right lower limb.

The case has been in the hands of the jury practically all day and this case was the only one considered. Johnson and Jones represented the plaintiff in the case.

TRIED TO WALK ON WATER--DEAD

Macon, Ga., Dec. 21.—After attending a "Holy Roller" meeting in East Macon last night, Mrs. Eliza Thorpe became so imbued with religious fervor that she considered that she could walk on water. Her husband sat up with her until daylight this morning trying to convince her that she had an erroneous impression, but she was obstinate and insisted that she could perform the feat.

When her husband left to go to his work she called several of her neighbors to witness the deed and ran to the river a block distant. She took off her shoes and cloak and waded in. The swift current swept her off her feet in a moment and when her body was recovered in about ten minutes she was very dead.

The tragedy will probably result in a ban being placed on the "Holy Rollers" in Macon.

FREE LIGHTS FOR PORCHES

Findlay, O., Dec. 21.—The council of the village of Mt. Cory last night passed an ordinance to issue \$1,000 in bonds with which to build and maintain a lighting system, the current to be secured from the Western Ohio Railroad Company.

A unique plan for the lighting of every street, veranda and front door yard has been evolved. All persons owning property will be asked to install large electric lamps upon the verandas of residences, and the current for the operation of these porch lights will be supplied free by the village. This will make the village one of the best lighted in the state.

Bow-Wow Rough House

GIRL GIVES BULLDOG PARTY

Hamilton, O., Dec. 21.—Marjorie Itlick, a student at the College for Women of Oxford, is the possessor of a fine bull dog named Chubby Cherub, which recently was presented to her. Miss Itlick wanted the handsome Cherub introduced into society, so she gave a bull dog party in Tri Delta House for him last night. The bull dog mascot of the male fraternities of the college were invited, besides one or two dogs not so prominent. The dogs were having a gala time with a bone and other edibles, daintily fixed by the girls, when Chubby became angry because he could not get enough and started in to clean up the house. He had to be locked in the cellar. Handsomely engraved invitations were sent to the guests.

Oil Men Leave. Grove Brothers returned to Columbus Wednesday evening. It is reported that representatives of the Standard Oil company have made them a big offer for their leases on Brewery Hollow and other oil lands.

BABY'S HEART OUTSIDE BODY

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—A remarkable freak of nature is to be seen in the children's hospital. A tiny baby girl, two days old, lies on a cot with its heart beating like any ordinary child, but with this difference, that the heart is outside of the body instead of inside. There is neither skin nor bone to protect the vital organ, which is hanging out on the chest wall. By the aid of an ingenious mechanism its beat was registered and showed about 100 beats a minute and quite strong ones. The child appears quite healthy.

CARELESS WITH CHECKS

It is really remarkable how many people are careless with their checks. Twenty-one were lost within the past few days by N. & W. employees, and they ranged from \$50 to \$225. Local banks were furnished with a slip bearing the names of the owners with the instructions to keep a close lookout. Every month six and eight checks are lost, but this month beats all previous records. The employees have no idea where they lost them.

\$3.50 Excelsior Shoes, \$2.48 The Salvage. Coming For Xmas. Albert Schropp, who is located in Huntington in the grocery business, will spend Christmas with local relatives and friends.

You'd Like a Second Cup of Coffee—

And maybe a third, at your dinner. But you are afraid of it. Coffee makes you nervous—gives you a headache—heartburn—or indigestion. "Here's a cup that smells like fine coffee—Taster like fine coffee—It is fine coffee—Isn't it?" "Never mind. Drink as many cups as you like. It won't hurt you, no matter how sensitive your stomach is. It is good for you!" "Well, if it is not coffee it must be

Fitch's Grains of Health

The Coffee Substitute With the Coffee Taste

The only substitute in all the world that has the coffee flavor and the coffee satisfaction—without one of coffee's bad after-effects. In coffee, it is caffeine that causes all the trouble. Fitch's GRAINS OF HEALTH is a special high-grade blend of coffee is so combined with roots, herbs and vegetables that the caffeine is completely destroyed. The combination has a health building effect. Physicians recommend it. Even children can drink it. Fitch's GRAINS OF HEALTH is sold by all leading grocers. The price is 30 cents the pound package. It is ground, ready for use. It is just as easy to prepare as coffee. But only half as much of Fitch's GRAINS OF HEALTH is required as coffee. Therefore it costs only half as much as good coffee.

If your grocer cannot supply you, write us, mentioning his name, and we will send you a generous sample package of Fitch's GRAINS OF HEALTH (enough to serve a large family at breakfast) and a booklet telling you all about Fitch's GRAINS OF HEALTH. Enclose 6 cents in stamps for postage.

IT'S HEALTHIFIED!

Grains of Health Company Youngstown, Ohio

The Great Piano Sale

Drawing to a Close. A Few More Days Are Left!

We are going to close out the following makes: Warfield, Winter & Co., Lester & Poole. A stock reducing sale. Terms to suit the purchaser. Buy today don't delay.

Organs from \$25.00 up; Mandolins, Guitars, Violins and Banjos at one-half off. The only complete line of small musical goods in the city. We don't give any lessons; if we did we would have to add a few dollars to the price of the instruments.

Thirty pianos have to be disposed of before Christmas, and in order to do so we made a great cut in prices and are offering all the stock in the house at 20 per cent off. Below we give some interesting prices:

NET

One Guild Piano, Walnut Case, slightly used, in good condition \$124.00
One Starr Piano, Mahogany Case, slightly used, in good condition \$145.00
One Kinze Piano, Oak Case, slightly used, in good condition \$175.00

20 PER CENT OFF

One Warfield Piano, Mahogany Case, New and a beauty \$190.00
One Kimball Piano, Rosewood Case, New and a beauty \$350.00
One Poole Piano, Walnut Case, sample piano \$325.00

PLAYER PIANOS

Whitney 88 note, Mahogany case, now \$500.00
Kimball 88 note, Mahogany case, now \$600.00
Behning Player Pianos \$750.00 and \$850.00

PICK YOUR PIANO FROM THE ABOVE LIST AND WE WILL HOLD IT FOR YOU UNTIL CHRISTMAS. A CHANCE OF YOUR LIFE TO GET A PIANO AT FACTORY COST. STOOL, SCARF, INSTRUCTOR AND FREE TUNING FOR ONE YEAR.

1c POPULAR MUSIC 1c

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING.

The Hutchison Music Co. 48 Gallia St.

MISS TABBIE CATT

SHE'S
ALWAYS
AROUNDHOT MUNICIPAL FIGHT IN
CITY OF KENOVA, W. VA.

The Huntington Advertiser says of the Kenova, W. Va., municipal fight:

"Despite the fact that there has been some evidence of a political warming up in Huntington in the last ten days, it requires only a glance to show that the election time heat is not yet reached. There in the village which takes its name from three states, there is going to be an election in a few days, January 1, to be exact, and with it this far-off, the stage of hard words and blows has been passed and it is said that the adherents of the opposing tickets are laying into each other in terms that are both vulgar and blasphemous. The heated pulling stage is expected to materialize soon.

"The Citizens' ticket and People's progressive ticket are running against one another, the odds, it is said, being on the Citizens.

"It is said that they are even afraid that there may be an at-

ttempt to commit fraud at Kenova and steps have been taken to prevent attempts at illegal voting.

"A committee went from Kenova to Portsmouth to take the names of all N. & W. men voting at the River City to prevent them from voting in the Kenova election."

KNITTEL'S
Honey Oake Toys, something
new; handsomely decorated. Great
variety; all prices 18-5

Threatened
By A Negro

Ed C. Ernest, proprietor of the Sample shoe store on East Eleventh street, lodged complaint with the police that a negro had come into his place Wednesday and threatened him.

50c Men's Silk Hose, 39c. The Salvage.

You, Mr.
We Mean You

Gentlemen living in wet Portsmouth—if you have a friend living somewhere in dry territory and you want to make him a Christmas present, the most welcome gift to him will be a gallon of assorted liquors. Call Home phone 1312 and we will attend to it promptly.

The Mendel Liquor Co.

THIRD AND MARKET STREETS.

Look Over the List Presented By
THIS IDEAL XMAS SHOP

Neckties, Mufflers
Hosiery, Suspenders,
Hats, Caps.

Everything that could be done to make this store a desirable place for Christmas trading, has been done, and we urge you to come and view the results. You will be amply repaid for calling.

Sweaters, Shirts,
Gloves, Cuff Links,
Umbrellas

Men's Suits
Boys' Suits

Overcoats
Boys' Overcoats

Combination Sets for gifts, Silk Ties and Socks to match. 50c to \$1.50. Suspenders, Armbands and Garters to match. Exchange gladly made after Xmas.

FRED STRAUS, Prop.
131 West Second Street,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

THE FAMOUS

ROBBERY SCARE
IS ABOUT OVER

But one robbery and no scares were reported to the police Wednesday night, and conditions again appear about normal.

The let-up to the house-breaking carnival reached a climax with the visits to the Bannon homes last Friday night, the police feel, confirm their suspicions that a certain Portsmouth man acted as pilot for the Negro who made the rounds of prominent homes. This man discovered Saturday night that he was being shadowed, and from that moment there has not been a real robbery committed in the city. The fellow, himself, took French leave Sunday, but police are certain he will return and are not worrying on that score.

That a goodly number of the scares reported to the police are tank fakes in the growing belief of the officers. They have found positive evidence that several reported attempts at housebreaking originated in the fertile brains of some avowed enemies of the present city administration and were intended merely to "show up" the police.

The police themselves are loath to openly accuse anyone of such doings, but unjust criticisms heaped upon them at a time when they are giving the city the very best in them, and when other cities and towns are experiencing the same kind of trouble, has about driven them to a point to come back at those trying to injure them in the eyes of the community.

The present police force, small as it is in number of officers, can boast of a record as good, if not better than the force under the gang administrations. At that time the force had twice as many men and not near the territory to cover. It was reduced by Mayor Searey as soon as the city went "dry," and because of a lack of funds has never been restored to its former strength.

The ten plain clothes men added to the police service the other night are carefully guarding their identity. They report for duty separately and make their calls into headquarters invariably under such names as Deadwood Dick, Nick Carter, Buffalo Bill, Broad Brim Bill, Jack the Giant Killer, Cherokee Tom and the like. The young men are doing splendid service in keeping the residence districts free from transients and suspicious persons.

50c President Suspenders, 39c. The Salvage.

THE DREW LINE
TO BE HANDLED

When Marting Bros. & Company open their new shoe department in about ten days they will handle the Irving Drew line of fine ladies' shoes through and through. The firm is now making eight hundred pairs of shoes for the local store. Dan Flannigan is to manage this department, which is to be equipped with modern shoe-selling furniture and will be second to none in point of equipment and variety of styles.

AN ALARM AT NIGHT

That strikes terror to the entire household is the loud, hoarse and metallic cough of erup. No mistaking it, and fortunate that the lucky parents who keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound on hand. H. W. Casselman, Canton, N. Y., says: "It is worth its weight in gold. Our little children are troubled with erup and hoarseness, and all we give them is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I always have a bottle of it in the house." For sale by Fisher & Streich.

A Daughter
Was Born

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Breinig, of Chillicothe, a daughter. Mr. Breinig has numerous relatives and friends in Portsmouth. He is exalted ruler of the Chillicothe Lodge of Elks.

50c Ties in fancy boxes, 39c. The Salvage.

A Remarkable Difference

There is a remarkable difference between having your eyes examined and having your eyes tested, says a patient after having her eyes thoroughly examined with the combined Ophthalmoscope and Retinoscope by Dr. E. T. Perry, the skilled optometrist and manufacturing optician, and advises others who have eye trouble or need glasses to call on him and get satisfaction. Successor to

WILLIAMS & BAGBY
617 Chillicothe Street.
Phone B 1375

Sarah Higgins
Broke Her Arm
By Hard Fall

Mrs. Sarah Hill-Higgins, an aged widow, sustained a compound fracture of the right arm above the wrist in a fall at her room in the "Red Rag" tenement house early Thursday morning. The accident will entail a hardship for the poor woman, who earns a livelihood by washing clothes.

LOOK FOR THE BEST.
Home-made candy and fresh mixed candies, French creams, two pounds, 25c; mixed nuts, 15c a pound. All kinds of fruits and nuts at Portsmouth Confectionery, 133 West Second street. 5-17c.

RIVER NEWS

Thirty feet and falling is the report of the river at the local wharf Thursday morning. The boats due Friday are: The Greenwood down for Cincinnati at 6 p. m. The Virginia down for Cincinnati at 3 p. m. The fireland up for Pomeroy at noon.

75c Ties Boxed Fancy, 39c. The Salvage.

BURGLAR
INSURANCE

Burglar insurance has suddenly become very popular in Portsmouth because of the recent carnival of robbery. One agent remarked Wednesday evening that he had run out of his supply of application blanks so great was the demand made upon him for that kind of insurance. He had been writing such policies to the exclusion of all others for some days past.

\$1.50 Fur Gloves, 98c. The Salvage.

SUN THEATRE

3 DAYS ONLY
Dec. 21, 22, 23.

ZÖLLER
TRIO

Comedy Acrobatic
Pantomimist

4 OTHER ACTS 4

Matinee 2:30. 10 Cents.
Evenings 7:30 and 8:45.
Prices: 10, 15, 20 and 25c.

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THE JEWELER
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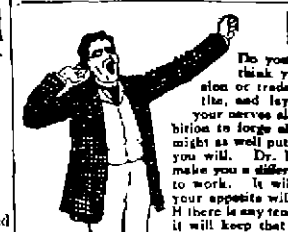
507 CHILICOTHE STREET

Bicycle Stolen.

Henry Boehler of No. 176 East Eleventh street, reported to the police that a boy's bicycle had been stolen from his home Wednesday evening.

Exodus Begins.

The exodus of N. & W. employees to spend Christmas at their old homes in Virginia and other States began in earnest on Thursday.



Do You Feel This Way?

Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at night unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to force ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood. If there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs, it will bring about a cure in 98 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice. Don't be misled by a penny-grubbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good." Dr. Pierce's medicines are of known composition. Their every ingredient printed on their wrappers. Made from roots without alcohol. Contains no habit-forming drugs. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT
In Buying Christmas Presents
..SHOES..
WILL FILL THE BILL
To Perfection
OUR STYLES ARE BEAUTIFUL
OUR ASSORTMENT COMPLETE
OUR PRICES ARE LOWER
Shop For Christmas At
WINTER'S
ECONOMY SHOE STORE

XMAS GIFT
STORE

For Useful Presents

Gent's Silk Half Hose, all colors, 3 pairs for\$1.00
Ladies' Silk Hose at, per pair..... 50c, \$1, \$1.50
Infants' Silk Hose in white and colors, at, per pair, 25c
Children's Crib Blankets, assorted patterns, at apiece
only 25, 50 and 75c
Umbrellas for Ladies', Gents and Children.
Blankets in Cotton, part Wool and all Wool at all prices.
Children's Raincoats, extra value at\$2 and \$3 each
Fancy Towels, Linen Pieces, Scarfs, Squares, Table Linen
and Napkins.

A. Brunner

SECOND AND MARKET STREETS.
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Chocolates. Fresh Supply.
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Wife and children will be
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"Victrola"

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The newest song hits and
the finest Grand Opera
selections will cheer you
on Christmas and through
the rest of the holidays—
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The Kay-Graham Co.
109 Callia Street.

If You Want
QUALITY
Get Christmas Cakes
AT THE SANITARY BAKERY
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ADAM PFAU, Prop.

Fine jabots 10c up to 50c
Velvet Hand bags 35c
Laundry Bags 25c
Handkerchiefs 5c up
Hair Brooches 10c up
Children's Fur Sets \$1 up
Floss for stamping.
8 styles of Belling 1c inch
Face veiling 10c up
Fine boys' neckties 25c
All new! Just arrived. A
fine line of millinery.

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Out Suits stand by themselves, as examples of the highest class tailoring. Good to look at, because they are made right. Good to wear because they are made of only quality goods. Investigate now our tailoring department.

THE HAAS CLOTHING CO.
Fine Clothes
Fifth and Chillicothe.

BALTIMORE & OHIO
SOUTHWESTERN R.R.

Local Schedule, Feb. 16, 1911.
Leaves Portsmouth. Arrives Hamden
No. 60, 7:00 a. m. 9:20 a. m.
No. 62, 2:00 p. m. 4:30 p. m.

Leaves Hamden. Arrives Portsmouth.
No. 51, 7:40 a. m. 10:20 a. m.
No. 53, 4:06 p. m. 6:35 p. m.

Connections at Hamden with
all main line trains East and
West.
Fast freight service to all points.
Table Storage.

Particulars cheerfully furnished
upon application.
J. E. SANDS, Agent.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Schedule subject to change without notice.
Trains leave South Portsmouth,
Ky., Perry steamer Chesapeake
leaves Portsmouth, O., 30
minutes prior to departure of train
West Bound.

In effect July 9, 1911.
No. 1 daily, fast train 7:04 a. m.
No. 3 daily, fast train 1:54 p. m.
No. 7 daily, local 2:14 p. m.
No. 5 daily, fast train 5:23 a. m.
No. 17 week days, local 7:25 a. m.

East Bound
No. 2 daily, fast train 2:44 p. m.
No. 4 daily, fast train 11:43 p. m.
No. 6 daily, local 11:31 a. m.
No. 8 daily, fast train 12:06 a. m.
No. 16 week days, local 7:15 p. m.
Ticket office, 126 Market street,
Washington hotel. Both phone.
D. A. GRIMES, Agent.

Norfolk & Western

Schedule in Effect June 11.

Kenova District—Eastbound.
No. 18, Daily 7:00 a. m.
No. 16, Daily 11:45 a. m.
No. 32, Daily ex Sun. 7:28 p. m.
No. 4, Daily (fast) 12:01 a. m.
No. 34 Sunday only 9:25 p. m.
Columbus District—Westbound.
No. 3, Daily, fast train 3:47 a. m.
No. 33 Daily 7:25 a. m.
No. 15, Daily 3:35 p. m.

Cincinnati District.
No. 23, Daily (fast). 4:00 a. m.
No. 35, Daily ex Sun. 7:30 a. m.
No. 37, Daily 2:20 p. m.
No. 25, Daily fast train 3:40 p. m.
Cincinnati to Portsmouth.
Lv. 6:50 a. m. ar. P. 10:25 a. m.
Lv. 8:45 a. m. ar. P. 11:20 a. m.
Lv. 5:40 p. m. ar. P. 9:30 p. m.
Lv. 8:50 p. m. ar. P. 11:40 p. m.
Daily.
Pullman sleepers and N. & W.
safe dining cars on all through
trains.

For further information, apply
to S. B. Adams, Passenger Agent,
420 1/2 Chillicothe street. Tel.
phone; Home, 47; Bell, 67.

PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE ON THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Uncle Sam's finances are in a very satisfactory condition according to President Taft's message to congress on departmental affairs delivered today.

The message discussed the nation's financial condition, proposed currency reforms and many other matters pending in the various departments. A surplus of \$47,000,000 over the expenditures was shown by his financial statement and he remarked that the post office department for the first time in 28 years has been self-sustaining.

The credit of this government was shown to be better than that of any other government by the sale of Panama 3 percent bonds, said the president. The president also endorsed the main features of the Aldrich banking plan as proposed by the monetary commission.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The financial condition of the government as shown at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1911, was very satisfactory. The ordinary receipts into the general fund, excluding postal revenues, amounted to \$101,372,374.99, and the disbursements from the general fund for current expenses and capital outlays, excluding postal and Panama canal disbursements, including the interest on the public debt, amounted to \$101,127,007.92, leaving a surplus of \$245,367.07.

The postal revenue receipts amounted to \$277,678,233.91, while the payments made for the postal service from the postal revenues amounted to \$277,678,233.91, which left a surplus of postal receipts over disbursements of \$245,367.07, the first time in twenty-eight years in which a surplus occurred.

The interest-bearing debt of the United States June 30, 1911, amounted to \$1,545,354,198. The debt on which interest had ceased amounted to \$1,570,819,294, and the debt bearing no interest, including greenbacks, national banknotes to be redeemed and free loan currency, amounted to \$391,551,717.43, or a total of interest and non-interest-bearing debt amounting to \$1,936,863,492.43.

The actual disbursements, exclusive of those for the Panama canal and for the postal service for the year ending June 30, 1911, were \$164,137,912.89. The actual disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1912, exclusive of the Panama canal and the postal service disbursements, were \$163,750,000,000, a decrease of \$387,912,892.90 in yearly expenditures in the year 1912 under that of 1911. For the year ending June 30, 1912, the estimated receipts, exclusive of the postal revenues, are \$101,372,374.99, while the total estimates, exclusive of those for the Panama canal and the postal expenditures payable from the postal revenues, amount to \$101,127,007.92. This is a decrease in the 1912 estimates from that of the 1911 estimates of \$245,367.07.

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As to the postal revenues, the expansion of the business in that department, the normal increase in the postage and the extension of the service will increase the outlay to the sum of \$290,000,000, but as the department was well sustained this year the expansion of the service will not be so great as the outlay. The outlay will not be so great as the outlay, but the outlay will not be so great as the outlay.

The credit of the United States. The credit of this government was shown to be better than that of any other government by the sale of Panama 3 percent bonds. These bonds did not give their owners the privilege of using them as a basis for obtaining circulation, nor was there any other privilege extended to them which would affect their general market value. Their sale, therefore, measured the credit of the government. The premium which was realized upon the bonds made the actual interest rate of the transaction 2.69 per cent.

In the treasury department the efficiency and economy work has been going steadily on. Provision is made for the elimination of 134 positions during the coming year. Two hundred and sixty-seven statutory positions were eliminated during the last year. In the office of the treasury in Washington and 144 positions in the year 1911, making an elimination of 512 statutory positions since March 4, 1909, and this has been done without the discharge of anybody, because the normal resignations and deaths have been equal to the elimination of the force. A system of transfers having taken care of the persons whose positions were dropped out. In the field office of the department, too, 1,220 positions have been eliminated down to the present time, making a total net reduction of all treasury positions to the number of 1,801. Meanwhile the efficiency of the work of the department has increased.

Monetary Reform.

A matter of first importance that will come before congress for action at this session is monetary reform. The

congress has itself arranged an early introduction of the great question through the report of the monetary commission. This commission was appointed to recommend a solution of the banking and currency problems so long confronting the nation and to furnish the facts and data necessary to enable the congress to take action.

In order to do its work with thoroughness and precision this commission has taken some time to make its report. The country is undoubtedly hoping for prompt action on the report as the convenience of the congress can permit. The recognition of the gross imperfections and marked inadequacy of our banking and currency systems is one of our most acute financial problems of long standing, and later there has been a recognition of the fact that our system is responsible for the extraordinary devaluation, waste and business paralysis of our recurring periods of panic. Though the members of the monetary commission have for a considerable time been working in the open and while large numbers of the people have been openly working with them and while the press has largely noted and discussed this work as it has proceeded so that the report of the commission promises to represent a national movement, the details of the report are still being considered. I can not therefore do much more at this time than commend the importance of monetary reform, urge prompt consideration and action when the commission's report is received and express my satisfaction that the plan to be proposed promises to embrace main features that, having met the approval of a great professional opinion of the country, are likely to meet equal approval in congress.

It is exceedingly fortunate that the wise and undisputed policy of maintaining unchanged the main features of our banking system rendered it at once impossible to introduce a central bank for a central bank would certainly have been rejected, and a plan which it would have been difficult to draw would probably have been defeated. But as a central bank could not be a part of the only plan discussed or considered that troublesome question is eliminated. And, ingenious and novel as the proposed national reserve association appears, it simply is a logical outgrowth of what is best in our present system and is, in fact, the fulfillment of that system.

Exactly how the management of that association should be organized is a question still open. It seems to be desirable that the banks which would own the association should in the main be national banks. It will be in the agency of the banks to act for them, and they can be trusted better than anybody else to conduct it. It is mainly bankers' work. But there must be some form of government supervision and ultimate control, and I favor a reasonable representation of the government in the management. I entertain no fear of the introduction of policies or of any undesirable influences from a properly measured government representation.

I trust that all banks of the country possessing the requisite standards will be placed upon a footing of perfect equality of opportunity. Both the national system and the state system should be fairly regulated, leaving them eventually to compete. If that shall prove to be their tendency, but such evolution cannot develop impartially if the banks of one system are given or permitted any advantages of opportunity over those of the other system. And I trust also that the new legislation will carefully and completely protect and assure the individuality and the independence of each bank to the end that any tendency there may ever be toward a consolidation of the money or banking power of the nation shall be defeated.

It will always be possible, of course, to correct any features of the new law which may in practice prove to be undesirable, so that this law is sure to be enacted under conditions of universal knowledge and authority. It will include, it is well to remember, the possibility of future amendment. With the present prospects of this long awaited reform encouraging us, it would be singularly unfortunate if this monetary question should by any chance become a party issue. And I sincerely hope it will not. The exceeding amount of consideration it has received from the people of the nation has been wholly nonpartisan, and the congress itself in its consideration upon it when the monetary commission was appointed. In connection with the question to the favorable consideration of congress I speak for and in the belief of the great number of my fellow citizens who without any thought of party or partisanship feel with remarkable earnestness that this reform is necessary to the interests of all the people.

The War Department. There is now before congress a bill the purpose of which is to increase the efficiency and decrease the expense of the army. It contains four principal features—first, a consolidation of the general staff with the adjutant general's and the inspector general's departments; second, a consolidation of the quartermaster's department with the subsistence and the pay departments; third, the creation of an army service corps, and, fourth, an extension of the enlistment period from three to five years.

With the establishment of an army service corps, as proposed in the bill, I am thoroughly in accord and am convinced that the establishment of such a corps will result in a material economy and a very great increase of efficiency in the army. It has repeatedly been recommended by me and my predecessors. I also believe that a consolidation of the staff corps can be

made with resulting increase in efficiency and economy, but not along the lines provided in the bill under consideration. I am opposed to any plan the result of which would be to break up or interfere with the essential principles of the detail system in the staff corps established by the act of Feb. 2, 1901, and I am opposed to any plan the result of which would be to give to the officer selected as chief of staff or to any other member of the general staff corps greater permanency of office than he now has.

In making the recommendations no reduction should be made in the total number of officers of the army, of whom there are now too few to perform the duties imposed by law. I have in the past recommended a decrease in the number of officers by 600 in order to provide sufficient officers to perform all classes of staff duty and to reduce the number of line officers detached from their commands. Congress at the last session increased the total number of officers by 200, but this is not enough. Promotion in the line of the army is too slow. Officers do not attain command rank at an age early enough properly to exercise it. Another feature of the bill which I believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. I believe it would be better to enlist men for six years, release them at the end of three years from active service and put them in reserve for the remaining three years. Reenlistment should be largely confined to the noncommissioned officers and other enlisted men in the skilled grades.

The army of the United States is in good condition. It showed itself able to meet an emergency in the successful mobilization of an army division of from 15,000 to 20,000 men, which took place along the border of Mexico during the recent disturbances in that country. The marvelous freedom from the ordinary camp diseases of typhoid fever and measles is referred to in the report of the secretary of war and shows such an effectiveness in the sanitary regulations and treatment of the medical corps and in the discipline of the army itself as to invoke the highest commendation.

I beg to renew my recommendation of last year that the congress appropriate for a memorial amphitheater at Arlington. The funds required to construct it upon the plans already approved.

The Panama Canal. The very satisfactory progress made on the Panama canal last year has continued, and there is every reason to believe that the canal will be completed as early as the last of July 1913, unless something unforeseen occurs. This is about eighteen months before the time promised by the engineers.

We are now near enough the completion of the canal to make it imperative that legislation should be enacted to fix the method by which the canal shall be maintained and controlled and the zone governed. The fact is that today there is no statutory law by authority of which the president is maintaining the canal. The zone is governed by the provisions of an amendment to the Spooner act, which expired by the terms of its own limitation some years ago.

I fully concur with the secretary of war that the problem is simply the management of a great public work, and not the government of a local republic; that every provision must be directed toward its successful maintenance of the canal as an avenue of commerce and that all provisions for the government of those who live within the zone should be subordinate to the main purpose.

The zone is forty miles long and ten miles wide. Now it has a population of 50,000 or 60,000, but as soon as the work of construction is completed the towns which make up this population will be deserted and only comparatively few natives will continue their residence there. The control of them ought to approximate a military government. One judge and two justices of the peace will be sufficient to attend to all the judicial and litigated business there.

Furnishing Supplies and Repairs. In my last annual message I discussed at length the reasons for the government's assuming the task of furnishing to all ships that use the canal, whether our own naval vessels or others, the supplies of coal and oil and other necessities with which they must be replenished either before or after passing through the canal, together with the dock facilities and repairs of every character. This it is thought wise to do through the government, because the government must establish for itself for its own naval vessels large depots and dry docks and warehouses, and these may easily be enlarged so as to secure to the world public using the canal reasonable prices and a certainty that there will be no discrimination between those who wish to avail themselves of such facilities.

Tolls. I renew my recommendation with respect to the tolls of the canal that within limits which shall seem wise to congress the power of fixing tolls be given to the president. In order to arrive at a proper conclusion there must be the most experting, and this cannot be done if congress does not delegate the power to one who can act expeditiously.

I am very confident that the United States has the power to relieve from the payment of tolls any part of our shipping that congress deems wise. We own the canal. It was our money that built it. We have the right to charge tolls for its use. Those tolls must be the same to every one, but when we are dealing with our own

ships the practice of many governments of subsidizing their own merchant vessels is so well established in general that a subsidy equal to the tolls, an equivalent remission of tolls, cannot be held to be a discrimination in the use of the canal. The practice in the Suez canal makes this clear. The experiment in tolls to be made by the president would doubtless disclose how great a burden of tolls the coastwise trade between the Atlantic and the Pacific coast could bear without preventing its usefulness in competition with the transcontinental railroads. One of the chief reasons for building the canal was to set up this competition and to bring the two shores closer together as a practical trade problem.

The Philippines. In respect to the Philippines, I urgently join in the recommendation of the secretary of war that the act of Feb. 6, 1906, limiting the indebtedness that may be incurred by the Philippine government for the construction of public works, be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The finances of that government are in excellent condition. The maximum sum mentioned is quite low as compared with the amount of indebtedness of other governments with similar resources, and the success which has attended the expenditure of the \$5,000,000 in the useful improvements of the harbors and other places in the islands justifies and requires additional expenditures for like purposes.

I also join in the recommendation that the legislature of the Philippine islands be authorized to provide for the nationalization of Philippine and other who by the present law are treated as aliens, so as to enable them to be some citizens of the Philippine islands.

Pending an investigation by congress at its last session through one of its committees into the disposition of the island lands Secretary Dickinson directed that the island lands should not be sold in excess of the limits fixed for the public lands until congress should pass upon the subject or should have concluded its investigation. This order has been an obstruction to the disposition of the lands, and I expect to direct the secretary of war to return to the practice under the option of the former general which will enable us to dispose of the lands much more promptly and to prepare a sinking fund with which to meet the \$7,000,000 of bonds issued for the purchase of the lands.

Rivers and Harbors. The estimates for the river and harbor improvements reach \$22,000,000 for the coming year. I wish to urge that whenever a project has been adopted by congress as one to be completed by more money which can be economically expended in its construction in such year the greater the ultimate economy. This has special application to the improvement of the Mississippi river and its large branches. It seems to me that an increase in the amount of money now being annually expended in the improvement of the Ohio river which has been formally adopted by congress would be in the interest of the public. A similar change ought to be made during the present congress in the amount to be appropriated for the Mississippi river. The engineers say that the cost of the improvement of the Mississippi river from Kansas City to St. Louis in order to secure six feet as a permanent channel will reach \$20,000,000. There have been at least three recommendations from the chief of engineers that if the improvement be adopted \$20,000,000 should be expended upon it annually. I urgently recommend that the appropriation for this improvement be increased from \$600,000, as recommended now, in the completion of a contract to \$2,000,000 annually so that the work may be done in ten years.

Waterway From the Lakes to the Gulf. The project for a navigable waterway from Lake Michigan to the mouth of the Mississippi river and thence to the Gulf of Mexico is one of national importance. In view of the work already accomplished by the sanitary district of Chicago, an agency of the state of Illinois, which has constructed the most difficult and costly stretch of this waterway and made it an asset of the nation, and in view of the fact that the people of Illinois have authorized the expenditure of \$20,000,000 to carry this waterway sixty-two miles farther to Ulen, I feel that it is fitting that this work should be supplemented by the government and that the expenditures recommended by the special board of engineers with the waterway from Ulen to the mouth of the Illinois river be made upon lines which while providing a waterway for the nation, should otherwise benefit that state to the fullest extent. I recommend that the term of service of said special board of engineers be continued and that it be empowered to reopen the question of the treatment of the lower Illinois river.

The Department of Justice. The report of the attorney general shows that he has subjected to close examination the accounts of the clerks of the federal courts, that he has found a good many which disclose irregularities or dishonesty, but that he has had considerable difficulty in securing an effective prosecution or removal of the clerks thus detected. I am certain not only prejudicial against the federal courts, but the fact is that the long and confidential relations which grow out of the tenure for life on the part of the judge and the practical tenure for life on the part of the clerk are not calculated to secure the strictness of dealing by the judge with the clerk in respect to his fees and accounts which assures in the clerk's conduct a freedom from carelessness and carelessness. For this reason I

recommend an amendment to the law whereby the president shall be given power to remove the clerks for cause. This provision need not interfere with the right of the judge to appoint his clerks or to remove him.

In my last message I recommended to congress that it authorize the payment of the findings or judgments of the court of claims in the matter of the French spoliation cases. There has been no appropriation to pay these judgments since 1905.

Employers' Liability. The limitation of the liability of the master to his servant for personal injuries to such as are occasioned by his fault has been abandoned in most civilized countries and provision made whereby the employee injured in the course of his employment is compensated for his loss of working ability irrespective of negligence. The principle upon which such provision proceeds is that accidental injuries to workmen in modern industry, with its vast complexity and inherent dangers arising from complicated machinery and the use of the great forces of steam and electricity, should be regarded as risks of the industry and the loss borne in some equitable proportion by those who for their own profit engage therein. In recognition of this the last congress authorized the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject of employers' liability and workmen's compensation and to report the result of its investigations through the president to congress. This commission was appointed and has been at work holding hearings, gathering data and considering the subject and it is expected will be able to report by the first of the year in accordance with the provisions of the law.

In promotion of the movement for the prevention of delay and waste in any cost in litigation I am glad to say that the supreme court has taken steps to reform the present equity rules of the federal courts and that we may in the near future expect a revision of them which will be a long step in the right direction.

Postoffice. At the beginning of the present administration in 1909 the postal service was in arrears to the extent of \$17,470,770.47. It was very much the largest deficit on record. In the brief space of two years this has been turned into a surplus of \$220,000, which has been accomplished without curtailment of the postal facilities, as may be seen by the fact that there have been established 3,444 new post-offices, delivery centers have been added to the service in 184 cities, 2,910 new rural routes have been established, covering 60,000 miles, the force of postal employees has been increased in these two years by more than 8,000, and their average annual salary has had a substantial increase.

On Jan. 3, 1911, postal savings deposits were established experimentally in forty-eight states and territories. After three months' successful operation the system was extended as rapidly as feasible to the 7,600 post-offices of the first, second and third classes constituting the principal grade by the end of the year practically all of these will have been designated, and then the system will be extended to all fourth class post-offices doing a money order business.

In selecting postoffices for depositaries consideration was given to the efficiency of the postmasters, and only those offices where the ratings were satisfactory to the department have been designated. Withholding designation from postmasters with unsatisfactory ratings has had a salutary effect on the service.

The deposits have kept pace with the extension of the system. Amounting to only \$90,652 at the end of the first month's operation in the experimental offices, they increased to \$170,340 in July and now after eleven months of operation have reached a total of \$1,000,000. This sum is distributed among 2,710 banks and post-offices under the law by bonds deposited with the treasurer of the United States.

The depositors thus far number approximately 14,000. They include foreign nationalities, native Americans largely predominating and English and Italians coming next.

The first contract of deposits into United States bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2½ per cent occurred on July 1, 1911. The amount of deposits exchanged being \$11,250, or a little more than 4 per cent of the total outstanding deposits of \$280,000 on June 30. Of this sum \$1,000,000 in the value of \$6,120 were in coupon form and \$3,750 in registered form.

Parcel Post. Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcel post. In the estimates of appropriations needed for the maintenance of the rural service for the ensuing fiscal year an item of \$100,000 has been inserted to cover the preliminary expense of establishing a parcel post on rural routes as well as to cover an investigation having for its object the final establishment of a general parcel post on all railways and steamboat transportation routes. The department believes that after the initial expenses of establishing the system are defrayed and the parcel post is in full operation on the rural routes it will not only bring in sufficient revenue to meet its cost, but also a surplus that can be utilized in paying the expenses of a parcel post in the city delivery service.

It is hoped that congress will authorize the immediate establishment of a limited parcel post on such rural routes as may be selected providing for the delivery along the routes of parcels not exceeding eleven pounds.

The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect of destroying the business of the country stockbroker. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain.

The Navy Department. On the 21 of November last I reviewed the fighting fleet of battleships and other vessels assembled in New York harbor, consisting of twenty four battleships, two armored cruisers, two cruisers, twenty-two destroyers, twelve torpedo boats, eight submarines and other attendant vessels, making altogether twenty-four classes of a tonnage of 375,034 tons. Those who saw the fleet were struck with its preparedness and with its high military efficiency. All Americans should be proud of its personnel.

The fleet was deficient in the number of torpedo destroyers, in cruisers and in colliers as well as in large battleship cruisers.

The building plan for this year contemplates two battleships and two colliers. This is because the other and smaller vessels can be built much more rapidly in case of emergency than the battleships, and we certainly ought to continue the policy of two battleships a year until after the Panama canal is finished and until we can number forty available vessels of proper armament and size.

The reorganization of the navy and the appointment of four ships to the secretary have continued to demonstrate their usefulness. It is certain that the navy with its present size should have admirals in active command higher than rear admirals. Our great battleship fleet is commanded by a rear admiral, with four other rear admirals under his or hers. This is not as it should be, and when questions of precedence arise between our naval officers and those of European navies the American rear admiral, though in command of ten times the force of a foreign vice admiral, must yield precedence to the latter. Such an anomaly ought not to prevail, and it can be avoided by the creation of two or three positions of flag rank above that of rear admiral.

I attended the opening of the new training school at North Chicago, Ill., and am glad to note the opportunity which this gives for drawing upon young men of the country from the interior, from farms, mines, shops and offices, which insures a high average of intelligence and character among them and which they showed in the very wonderful improvement in discipline and drill which only a few short weeks' presence at the naval station had made.

I urge upon congress the necessity for an immediate increase of 2,000 men in the enlisted strength of the navy, provided for in the estimates. Four thousand more are now needed to man all the available vessels. There are in the service today about 47,500 enlisted men of all ratings. Current computation shows that by April, 1912, 49,100 men will be required for vessels in commission, and 8,000 apprentice seamen should be kept under training at all times.

The secretary of the navy has recommended the abolition of certain of the smaller and unnecessary navy yards and in order to furnish a complete and comprehensive report has referred the question of all navy yards to the joint board of the army and navy. This board will shortly make its report, and the secretary of the navy advises me that his recommendations on the subject will be presented early in the coming year.

For the consideration of matters which are pending or have been deferred in the naval department and in the department of commerce and labor I refer to the very excellent reports of the secretaries of those departments.

The president promises later messages on conservation in Alaska, second-class mail rules and economy and efficiency in the departments. He also approves pensions for retired government employees, but thinks the employees themselves should contribute to the pension fund.

Eliminate Local Offices From Politics. I wish to renew again my recommendation that all the local offices throughout the country, including collectors of internal revenue, collectors of customs, immigration commissioners and marshals, should be by law converted into the classified service, the necessity for confirmation by the senate be removed and the president and the others whose time is now taken up in distributing this patronage under the custom that has prevailed since the beginning of the government, in accordance with the recommendation of the senators and congressmen of the majority party, should be relieved from this burden. I am confident that such a change would greatly reduce the cost of administering the government and that it would add greatly to its efficiency. It would take away the power to use the patronage for political purposes. When officers are recommended by senators and congressmen from political motives and for political services rendered it is impossible to expect that while in office the appointees will not regard their tenure as more or less dependent upon continued political service for their patronage, and no regulations, however strict or rigid, will prevent this, because such regulations, in view of the method and motive for selection, are plainly ineffectual and deemed hardly worthy of respect.

WM. H. TAFT.
The White House, Dec. 21, 1911.

Prepares For Emergencies

Steel Company Puts In A Patent Stoker

In order to guard against a low pressure of gas, which always means a temporary suspension of work, which is costly, the Portsmouth Steel Company is putting in a battery of automatic stokers.

When the gas pressure becomes low these stokers will automatically feed the boilers with coal, and there will be no cessation in

work. The work of supervising their construction is in the hands of A. D. White, an expert in this line, whose home is in Chicago. When the stokers are ready for service the change from gas to coal can be made in less than five minutes. Oil tanks also have been erected, and in case both the gas and coal refuse to keep the machinery going, oil can be substituted for fuel.

DIVORCE IN ENGLAND IS A PECULIAR AFFAIR

(By United Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—If you are married to a brute (or a cat), and sue him (or her) for divorce, and the case is tried "in camera," and you get your decree, having proved that you were blameless, the fault lying entirely with the brute (or cat), you must never tell anybody, not even your mother, or what happened in court—in England.

Mrs. A. M. Scott sued K. M. Scott for divorce. Both being society people, the case was tried in camera "because of the very private character of the details," Mrs. Scott was so pleased to get-

ting her decree that she wanted the members of her family and her intimate friends to know the result. She therefore sent them copies of the court's transcript of the official notes. Justice Barrington held this act to be contempt of court, and fined Mrs. Scott and her lawyer the costs. The judge explained that he was letting the defendants off easily, as he believed they acted in ignorance.

He gave an official ruling that parties to a divorce action heard in private may tell their relatives the bare result, but they are forbidden to go into details concerning the evidence.

Old Time Ohio River Days

In the "River Column" of the Gallipolis Daily Tribune appeared this reminiscence article on old-time river days:

"Our old-time friend, Capt. Thos. W. Bennett, of Pomeroy, sends us some interesting reminiscences of steamboats of former days. Capt. Bennett is much improved in health and expects to go back on the river next spring. He writes the following:

"July 1858, the steamer Silver Star began to carry the U. S. mail from Parkersburg and Pomeroy. She was the first boat to carry the mail between these two points. "Capt. Thos. Russell was in command and Perry Simpson clerk. Perry Simpson was the father of Mrs. Judge Lavin Simpson Poffenbarger of Pl. Pleasant. Later Capt. Rosalie to take the place of the Silver Star.

"Monday, March 22nd, 1858, the Steamer St. Lawrence while back from Mazon City coal of Pittsburgh."

works, was sunk on the rocks below Sugar Run Salt Works on the Ohio side of the river. The steamer Argonaut came to her assistance and took the passengers all off safe. Boat and cargo a total loss. Boat valued at \$20,000. Insured for \$9,000. She belonged to Capt. R. D. Cochran.

"Friday morning, about 5 o'clock, March 25th, 1858, the Steamer Fulton City with 400 tons of freight, Capt. David Brickell, while running in the fog near Maysville, Ky., was sunk, the water coming up 1 foot on the cabin floor. Most of the passengers were asleep, but were saved. Five deck passengers, a man, his wife and three children were drowned. The steamer McLellan came along about an hour later and took the people all off. The Fulton City was one year old and cost \$20,000 and was insured for \$10,000. She belonged to Capt. David Brickell and W. W. Martin, living out from Mazon City coal of Pittsburgh."

SOME SIBLEYETTES

From the editorial column of our friend, W. C. Sibley, of the Gallipolis Daily Tribune, these notes are taken:

"How saintly the dear little boys all over town are this week. And how shiny their noggin faces all will be in Sunday school next Sunday. And yet, original sin is lurking behind all these expectant countenances. Sad, but true."

"Pomeroy's Associated Charities has been dropped owing to a lack of interest in its work. A fund of \$5.00 will be spent 'for several needy cases.' It's fine, charitable spirit apparently has receded from Pomeroy and is wandering about homeless, nobody knows where. But

our \$5.00 will be spent on 'several' needy cases during the glad Christmas season! Wouldn't that give you a shiver?"

"All the way from Bellefontaine, a one-horned burg somewhere up state—Portsmouth Times. We 'treat' the forgoing wanton spinosity and procreancy will never fall under the observation of any dweller in one of the most beautiful and cleanly little cities in Ohio."

Will Buy New Goods

Frank Corson will leave next week for Boston, where he will buy goods for the Tracy Shoe Company. It will be his last trip for this firm, as on January 1 he severs his connection with the Tracy Shoe Company. It is understood that Mr. Corson will later make an extended trip to California.

124 PASSES ARE ISSUED

Exactly 124 passes were issued today at the N. & W. division headquarters to employees, who wish to spend the Yuletide with out of town relatives. They will be back Tuesday ready for work.

Buying Goods. John McFarland, of Brookfield, Ky., was in the city this morning buying goods for his store.

MYSTERY OVER GOLD WATCH

After two years Albert Smith, of Fullerton, Ky., expects to recover a gold watch. Thursday he swore out a writ of delivery before Squire Bricey, asking him to secure his watch from John Fannin on White Oak, who has been in possession of the watch for the past six months.

Fannin says he bought the watch from a well known Kentucky resident six months ago and it is expected that there will be some interesting disclosures made when Fannin tells from whom he purchased the time-piece.

BURT'S GREAT HOLIDAY CLEAN-UP SALE

INCREASES THE BUYING POWER OF YOUR XMAS MONEY. WONDERFUL REDUCTIONS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS

\$30.00 Suits and Overcoats \$22.50	\$12.50 Suits and Overcoats \$ 9.25
\$28.00 Suits and Overcoats \$21.00	\$12.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 9.00
\$25.00 Suits and Overcoats \$18.50	\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 7.50
\$22.50 Suits and Overcoats \$16.50	\$ 8.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 6.00
\$22.00 Suits and Overcoats \$16.00	\$ 7.50 Suits and Overcoats \$ 5.75
\$20.00 Suits and Overcoats \$14.50	\$ 6.50 Suits and Overcoats \$ 5.00
\$18.00 Suits and Overcoats \$13.00	\$ 6.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 4.75
\$15.00 Suits and Overcoats \$11.00	\$ 5.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 3.95

Men's Shoes

BOYDEN'S

\$6.00 Shoes	\$4.75
\$5.00 Shoes	\$3.95
\$4.50 Shoes	\$3.45
\$4.00 Shoes	\$3.15
\$3.50 Shoes	\$2.95
\$3.00 Shoes	\$2.45

BOYS' SHOES

\$3.50 Shoes	\$2.95
\$3.00 Shoes	\$2.45
\$2.75 Shoes	\$2.35
\$2.50 Shoes	\$2.15
\$2.25 Shoes	\$1.95
\$2.00 Shoes	\$1.75
\$1.75 Shoes	\$1.45

Children's Suits

And Overcoats

\$10.00 Suits at	\$7.50
\$8.00 Suits at	\$6.00
\$7.50 Suits at	\$5.75
\$6.50 Suits at	\$5.00
\$5.00 Suits at	\$4.75
\$4.00 Suits at	\$3.95
\$3.50 Suits at	\$3.45
\$3.00 Suits at	\$2.95
\$2.50 Suits at	\$2.75
\$2.00 Suits at	\$2.45
\$1.50 Suits at	\$1.95
\$1.00 Suits at	\$1.45

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

\$20.00 Suits and Overcoats \$14.50	\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 7.50
\$18.00 Suits and Overcoats \$13.00	\$ 8.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 6.00
\$16.00 Suits and Overcoats \$11.00	\$ 7.50 Suits and Overcoats \$ 5.75
\$12.50 Suits and Overcoats \$ 9.25	\$ 6.50 Suits and Overcoats \$ 5.00
\$12.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 9.00	\$ 6.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 4.75
\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 7.50	\$ 5.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 3.95

CORNER CHILlicothe AND THIRD STREETS

W. H. BURT & COMPANY

SUCCESSORS TO BURT & HALL

TOOK YELLOW PAINT WHEN HE HAD CRAMPS

Mistaking a box of paint powder for a box of soda came near proving the undoing of Bert Clark, a clerk on Gallia street, Wednesday evening.

Clark was seized with severe cramps, and some one who happened in the store, suggested a mixture of soda and vinegar. Grabbing hold of what he thought was a box of soda, Clark ripped off the lid and without examining the contents, fixed him up a dose that for bitterness had genuine backed off the "boards." He made a terrible face, and as the pains did not subside he took a second dose.

In less than three minutes he was doubled up like a fish net and rolled over and over on the floor like a kit of walled herring. A physician happened in and discovered that Clark had been mixing oil and vinegar. He certainly was primed all right, and his face took on a ghastly hue. Clark thought the referee was counting ten on him for sure, but before he had been pronounced "out" he came around, and is now feeling as chipper as you please. Hereafter he will pass up all home-made remedies.

FOUND LETTER FROM ADMIRAL SCHLEY

While rummaging through his stack of old papers, Thursday morning, George Heinisch, retired grocer of Gallia street, came across a letter from the late Admiral Schley, which he would not part with for a snug fortune.

The letter, which is in the brave admiral's own hand writing, was in answer to a letter written to him by Mr. Heinisch, congratulating him upon his wonderful victory at Santiago.

When his fleet sent to the bottom of the ocean the entire Spanish fleet.

Admiral Schley thanked him for his words of praise, but like the true hero that he was, stated that he could only share the honors with his brave men and that they should receive as much homage as he. The letter was written on August 2, 1898, and will be placed in a frame by Mr. Heinisch.

FIRST REST IN 40 YEARS

For the first time in more than forty years, George Heinisch found himself a gentleman of leisure Thursday morning, he having disposed of his grocery stock late Wednesday evening to William McManus, of the East End, who will shortly open up a grocery store at New Boston.

Mr. Heinisch has been in the harness for many years, and carved for himself an honorable business career. He is now much interested in the Heinisch-King brick plant at Danmarin Hill, and will devote all his interests in that enterprise, which is growing rapidly and consistently.

Alex. Cluckner, who has rented the Heinisch block, corner of Guy and Gallia streets, has already begun the moving of his stock of hardware. He expects, however, to thoroughly remodel the room before he throws open the doors for business.

75c Ties Boxed Fancy, 30c The Salvage.

Answer In Davis' Case

Separate answers have been filed to the second amended petitions by Attorney O. W. Newman for the defense in the suits of Frank H. and John Frost Davis versus The Ohio Christian Missionary Society, now pending in the common pleas court, involving the property deed to the defendant by the father and grandfather of the plaintiffs in 1904.

The answering defendants admit the execution and delivery of the deed, conveying to defendant, subject to the terms and conditions of the deed, the premises, and further after the deed was made that John F. Davis, Sr., made a memorandum to the defendant to the effect that Frank H. Davis and his son, J. F. Davis, Jr., should remain in possession of the property as long as either or both of them live, free of rent, they to keep up repairs, etc., and at their death the property to pass into the hands of the defendant according to the deed. The defendant admits it will have absolute title to the property in case of the death of Frank H. Davis and son, but denies that it is interested adversely to plaintiffs as alleged.

Men who like distinctive dress wear Reddening clothes. Reddening, the tailor, opp. Columbia theatre.

Receives Sad News. L. T. Mowry, a patient contractor of this city, received word last night of the death of his niece, Mrs. Laura Harris, wife of Charles Harris, at Ceredo, W. Va.

50c President Suspenders, 30c The Salvage.

Christmas post cards at 5c a dozen. Corner Book Store, 2nd and Chillicothe Sts.

Send In Names Of Needy Poor

Few replies have yet been received by the Associated Charities organization to its solicitations for aid in locating needy poor as subjects for Christmas benevolence, but a great number of replies are not expected until toward the last of this week. All cards must be in by the 21st, however. The organization asks all to aid in this worthy movement are requested to fill out the coupon which follows, and forward it to John Weaver, Bigelow church, secretary of the Associated Charities:

Name

Address

Number in Family

Ages

Sex

Particular needs

Reported by

WINDOWS MAKE FINE SHOWING

The excellent window display in that line is the window of the year and is being done at Grand old this season. The work is being done by Harry Boyd, and each display is an artistic triumph. This young man has learned that the best place in art is not profits but the satisfaction of the public. He has done this through his window display through overcrowding.

The arrangement of the windows themselves will be improved after the first of the year and then it will be even more clever. Mr. Boyd is at his post.

Coal Vein Is Discovered

Wellston, Ohio, Dec. 21—An excellent grade of No. 2 coal, 12 to 18 inches thick, has been discovered on the Kessler farm, near Hawk's Bridge, east of here. A favorable report having been received from the chemical to whom samples were sent for analysis, a shaft will be sunk to the coal, with a view to placing it on the market.

\$1.00 Boys' and Girls' Indian Suits, 60c, The Salvage, 220 Chillicothe Street.

A Fine Son. Back to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher, a fine son, at their house on 11th and 2nd.

SOME CHRISTMAS DON'T'S

Don't give red cravats to a man you know no children will not suffice. You can know plenty of them between now and the day of days.

Don't give perfume to a woman unless you know her brand, and don't give it at all if you can think of something else.

Don't give cheap scarves to servants. Often the servants are more discriminating than they look.

Don't give five-cent cigars to a two-for-a-quarter man.

Don't trim a Christmas tree for a cat or a dog. If you want one for yourself, be honest about it and say so.

Don't give cheap presents to your friends with the idea they won't know the difference. If you can't afford to make a worthwhile gift, send a Christmas card and retain your own respect and theirs.

Don't eat your Christmas dinner in a restaurant if you can find any old home that you may eat it in, for a Christmas dinner in a home is worth two in the bush.

Don't let your Christmas go by without giving some sort of a present to a child. The excuse that morning. Not a wheel in the industrial side of Portsmouth will turn this side of Christmas. The suspension of work is to be general.

ALL PLANTS TO BE IDLE

The Manufacturers' Association announced Thursday that every plant in the city will be shut down from Saturday to Tuesday.

DISPUTE OVER 6 INCH STRIP

A dispute is threatened over Seymour Thursday morning. Six inches of ground at the side of the new Baldwin building on Gallia street of the new Baldwin building on Gallia street is highly valuable the way real estate values have been increased by the late in that square.

Waiting On Action Of Staunton Council

No further word has been received from Staunton, Va., relative to the plan of naming Senator J. T. Hudson general manager of that his native city.

Some definite word is expected in the next day or two and so much is certain Mr. Hudson will be named or nobody. There is no opposition against him personally but some slight opposition to the plan of government which is a modified arrangement of the commission form of government.

Mr. Hudson agreed to accept the office only on condition that his selection was made unanimously.

Enough votes had been mustered during his visit in Staunton a few days ago to insure his election but he preferred to have the solid vote of the two legislative branches of the city. The board of aldermen and common council.

HEED THE WARNING!

Backache is the Signal that Kidney Diseases are Nigh.

Who doesn't dread the advanced stages of kidney trouble—Bright's disease, dropsy and gravel?

But today, throughout America, there are tens of thousands suffering the torments of hopeless agony just because they failed to heed the first signal, the certain warning of future misery—backache.

Backache means that your kidneys are weak.

Stop kidney disease at the start. That's the easiest way, and Thompson's Backache is the surest remedy. The Pure Drug Co. sells it and is willing to guarantee it to stop backache, sidache and sharp shooting pains, and to cure Bright's disease, and any and all kidney, liver and bladder trouble or money back.

It is a great maker of pure blood, and a builder of flesh, because it promptly cleans the kidneys and puts them in such perfect condition that the impurities are thoroughly strained from the blood as it passes through, and are promptly eliminated with the urine. Thompson's Backache is only 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle.

TURNER BOY WANTS NEWS OF PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker of Young street have returned from Lancaster, where they visited their son, Lester, who is in the reform school. He is quite well but is not satisfied at the school.

While there they saw several boys from this place, among them Robert Underwood, Howard Shippis, Clyde Tipton and a boy by the name of Turner.

The Turner boy has served his time in the school but the directors are holding him until something can be learned of his parents who were last heard from in this city. (The father worked in the Selby Shoe company and the mother went to Cincinnati. The boy asked Mr. and Mrs. Walker to notify the Times and solicit the paper's assistance in learning something of his parents.)

Christmas Cards and Calendars in endless variety at Schloss' Book Store, 414 Chillicothe St.

Has Old Coins. Judge Bellamy has three old coins which he prizes highly. They are half dollar pieces dated 1810, 1830 and 1836.

Have Moved. Charles Wiget and family have moved from 1120 Chillicothe St. to 1425 Grandview.

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GALLIA AND SINTON

Home Phone 717

Phone Orders Solicited.

Canned Corn, 3 for 25c

Canned Tomatoes, extra line, only 12 1/2c

Canned Asparagus 20c

Argo Salmon 20c

Yellow California Peaches 18c

2 for 35c

Cocoanut, large size 6c

Large Bermuda Onions 5c

Order in today for Stone's drapped Christmas cakes.

Mazda Electric

Lamps

Increases light and reduces bill. Can be used in any position. Inquire at

The Tritschler Co.

Reliable Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Contractors.

GIVEN AWAY

Beginning Monday the 18th until Christmas day we will give away a bottle of Blackberry Wine with a purchase of \$1.00 or more, free of charge. We carry the largest stock of Whiskies, Wines and Brandies and our prices are always the lowest. We guarantee all our goods and deliver to your house.

Buy your holiday goods here. We are sure to please you. Call Home Phone 1312.

THE MENDEL LIQUOR CO

THIRD AND MARKET STREETS.

"Portsmouth My Happy Home"

It is time to buy your Christmas presents; only a few days more until Christmas. We are headquarters with a full line of suitable gifts for the old and the young.

A pocket knife for Dad;
A Razor for big Brother;
A Wagon or Sled for little Brother;
A Range for Mother;
A piece of Out Glass or a set of Fancy Shears for Sister
Come in and let us help you select your gifts.

Carving Sets, Razors, Pocket Knives, Rogers 1847 Sil. verware, Ladders, Fry & Clark Silverware, Percolators, Chafing Dishes.

Headquarters for "Wear-Ever" Aluminum Ware.

The Hibbs Hardware Co.

The Popular Priced Hardware Store.

MY CHRISTMAS STOCK OF

Pianos and Player Pianos

Is the largest and most complete ever offered. I have a full assortment of the various styles of the SMITH & NIXON PIANOS and 17 other different makes.

25 PER CENT OFF on any Piano you may select during this sale.

If you are in the market for a Piano call at my store and examine my stock. It costs you nothing but will positively save you from \$100.00 to \$150.00. Don't be persuaded to buy before you see my stock.

Used Pianos \$68.00, \$97.00, \$125.00 and up.

R. P. SEILER

ONLY RELIABLE HOME PIANO STORE SEVENTH AND CHILlicothe STREETS. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

XMAS DIAMONDS

Flawless, purest brilliancy—perfect stones in every respect. These are the kind of diamonds you love to give. The kind we want to sell you.

Other mountings of finest quality also.

Rings—Watches—Necklaces—fine Silverware—in fact everything in the line of Christmas goods in the line of jewelry.

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Bought or Dressed for Robes, Coats and Rugs.

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